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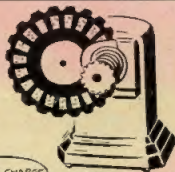
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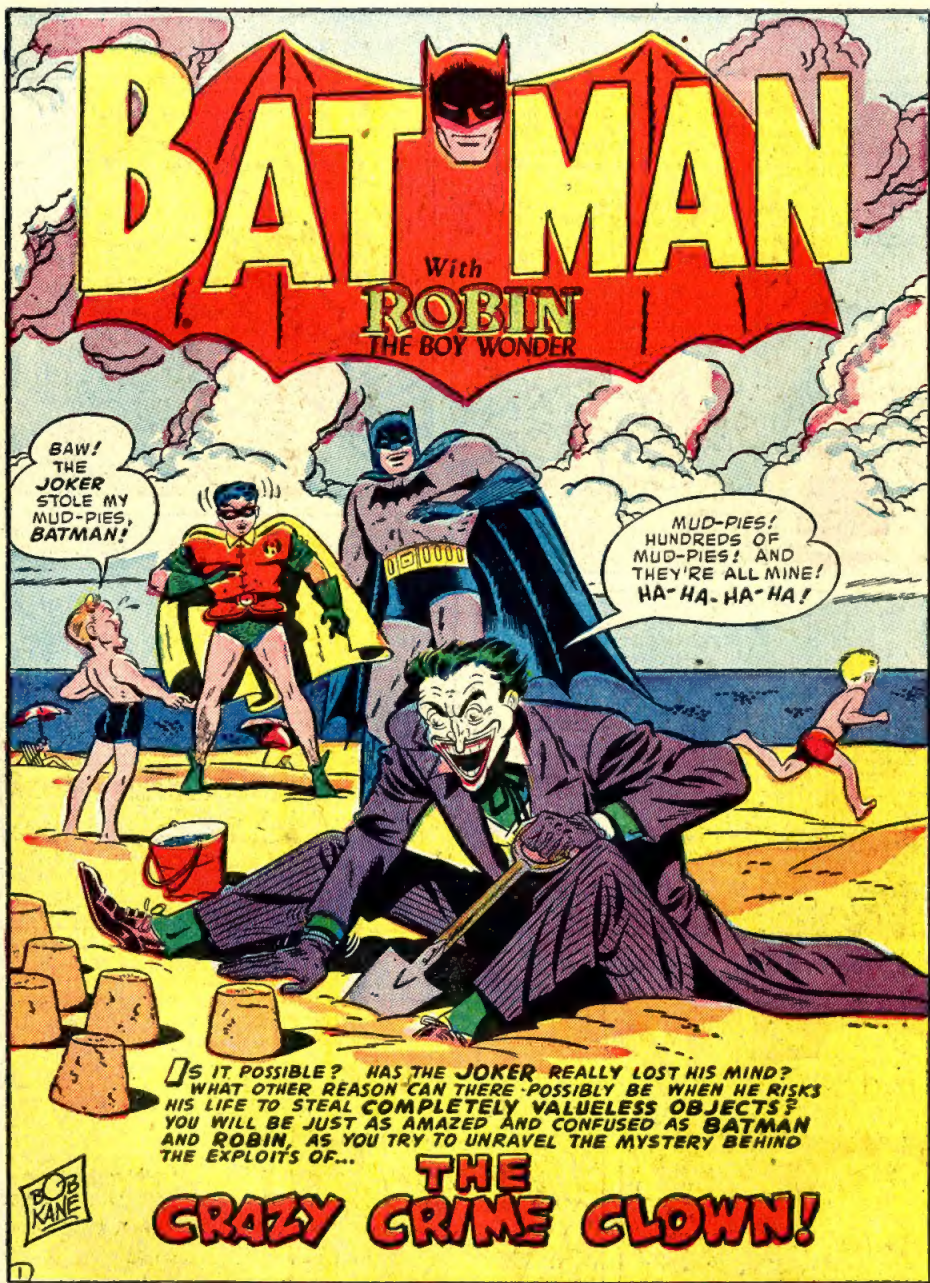
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WOW! LOOK AT THAT COUPLE, BRUCE... THOSE CRAZY CLOTHES THEY'RE WEARING! WHO ARE THEY?

THE BROMLEYS, DICK-- LAST OF AN OLD FAMILY THAT WENT PENNILESS YEARS AGO! THEY INSIST ON KEEPING UP A FRONT, THOUGH EVERYONE KNOWS THAT EVEN MRS. BROMLEY'S JEWELS ARE IMITATIONS!



SUDDENLY, FROM OUT OF THE THICK MIST...



AND IN THE CONCEALMENT OF THE SWIRLING MIST, AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...

MRS. BROMLEY! SOMEONE GRABBED HER, THEN DISAPPEARED INTO THE FOG? AND HE LOOKED LIKE---

LIKE THE JOKER! I'D KNOW THAT MOCKING LAUGHTER ANYWHERE! COME ON, DICK!

HA, HA!
HA, HA!



BUT WHAT WOULD THE JOKER WANT WITH MRS. BROMLEY?

WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN WE CATCH HIM--AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, OF COURSE! DON'T USE YOUR FLASHLIGHT... WE'LL FOLLOW THE SOUNDS OF HIS FOOTSTEPS AND TRY TO TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE!

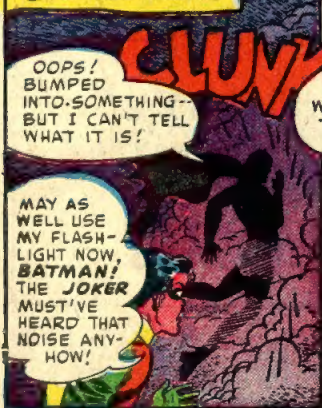


BUT JUST THEN...

OOPS! BUMPED INTO SOMETHING-- BUT I CAN'T TELL WHAT IT IS!

CLUNK

MAY AS WELL USE MY FLASHLIGHT NOW, BATMAN! THE JOKER MUST'VE HEARD THAT NOISE ANYHOW!



AND AS THE AMBER BEAM PIERCES THE FOG...

WHY--IT'S A MIRROR... A HEAVY GLASS MIRROR THE JOKER MUST'VE SET UP HERE TO CONFUSE ANYONE WHO CHASED HIM! COME ON-- LET'S CIRCLE AROUND IT!

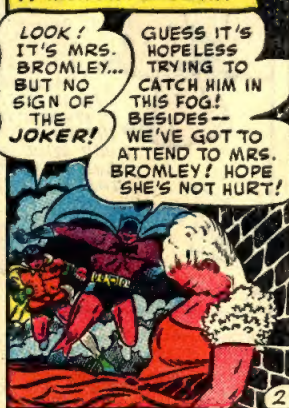
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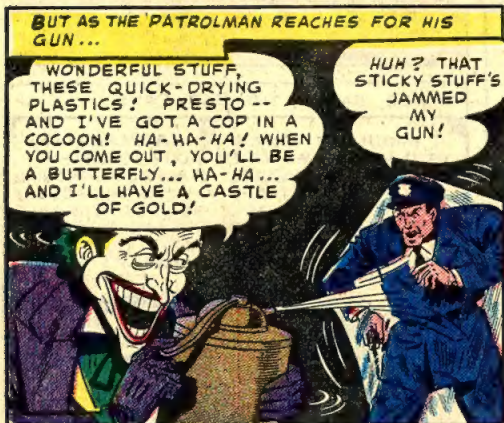
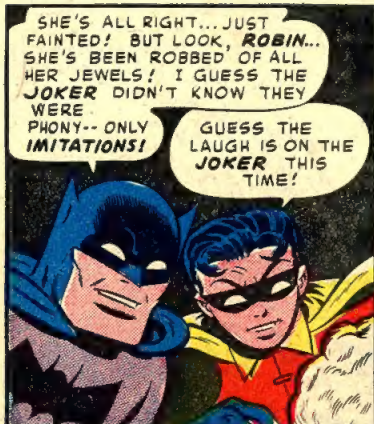


A MOMENT LATER...

LOOK! IT'S MRS. BROMLEY... BUT NO SIGN OF THE JOKER!

GUESS IT'S HOPELESS TRYING TO CATCH HIM IN THIS FOG! BESIDES-- WE'VE GOT TO ATTEND TO MRS. BROMLEY! HOPE SHE'S NOT HURT!





SO NEXT DAY, AS THE BAT-PLANE HOVERS IN A WATCHFUL CIRCUIT OVER GOTHAM CITY...

WE'VE BEEN PATROLLING ALL DAY, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF TROUBLE ANYWHERE! MAYBE THE JOKER WAS JUST PULLING A COUPLE OF PRANKS JUST TO CONFUSE US -- WITHOUT ANY OTHER MOTIVE!

WAIT! DOWN THERE -- ON THAT BIG BILLBOARD! IT'S THE JOKER!

IMMEDIATELY, A ROPE LADDER IS RELEASED, AND...

WHAT?? THIS IS JUST TOO WILD! THE JOKER IS RISKING HIS NECK TO CUT A PAPER COPY OF THE MONA LISA OFF THAT BILLBOARD! WELL, WHATEVER HE'S UP TO, I'LL SOON GET AN EXPLANATION FROM HIM!

The MONA LISA
the BEST in ART
STAFF'S BREAD
the BEST in BAKING

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

The MONA LISA
the BEST in ART

HA, HA TOO LATE, BATMAN! A ROPE'S A POOR MATTER COMPARED TO A LADDER!

HE'S GOING THROUGH THAT WINDOW! AND THAT BUILDING'S SUCH A MAZE, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND HIM INSIDE!

LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HE'D HAVE SOME TRICK GETAWAY PREPARED! AND IF WE DON'T GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE JOKER'S CRAZY CRIMES SOON-- I'LL GO CRAZY!

BATMAN-- IT'S OUR BUTLER-- ALFRED-- PHONING FROM THE HOUSE! HE JUST HEARD A NEWS BROADCAST THAT THE JOKER'S BEEN CAUGHT!

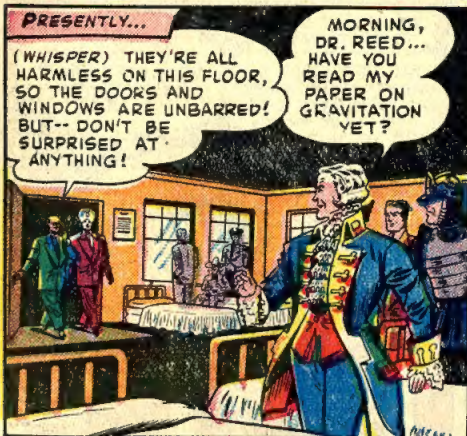
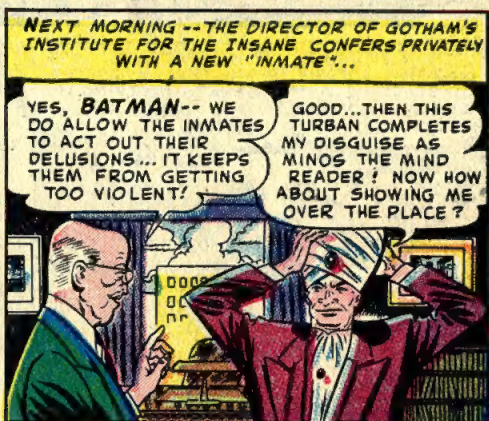
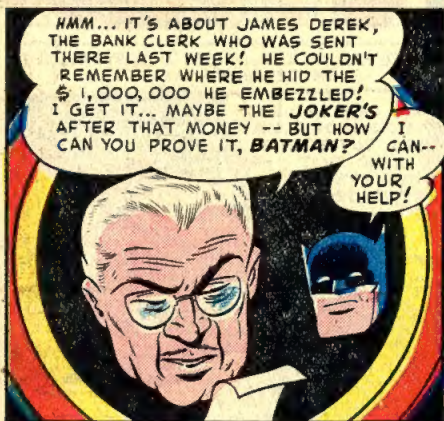
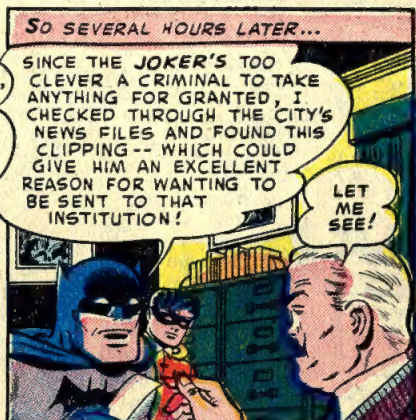
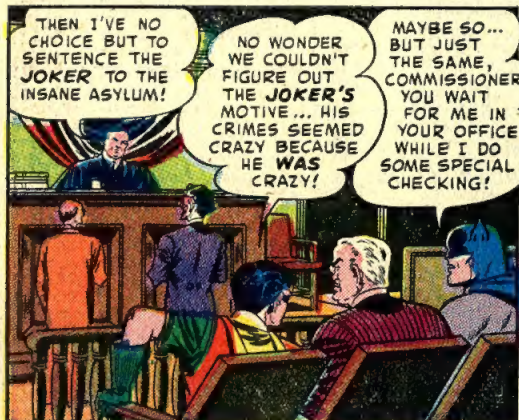
THE STARTLING NEWS SENDS THE ASTONISHED PAIR TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE, WHERE THEY LEARN...

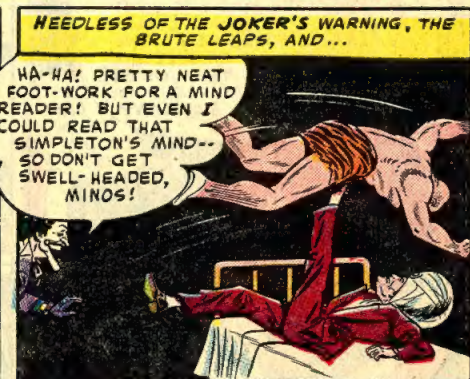
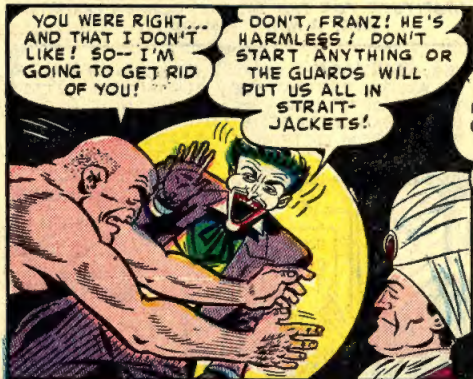
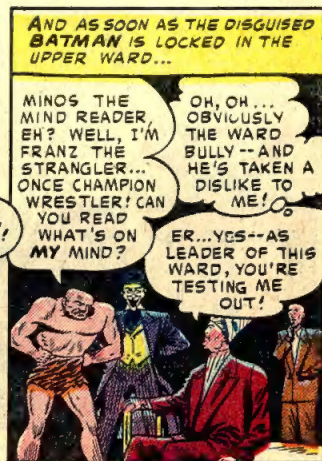
HE JUST WALKED INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS WITH THOSE FAKE JEWELS, FAKE GOLD COINS AND THAT FAKE MONA LISA -- AND ASKED TO DEPOSIT THE STUFF, AS IF HE WERE IN A BANK! NATURALLY, THEY GRABBED HIM!

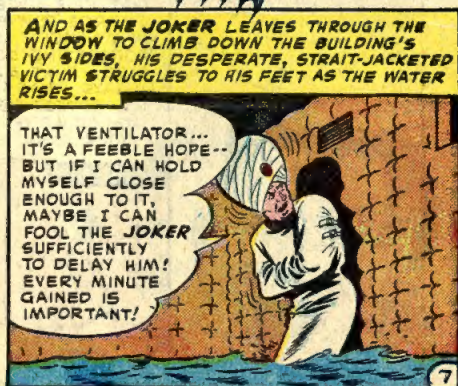
HE SOUNDS Madder THAN EVER! BUT-- WE'LL LEARN MORE AT THE TRIAL TOMORROW!

NEXT MORNING, IN A GOTHAM COURTROOM, AS A PSYCHIATRIST REPORTS ON HIS EXAMINATION OF THE JOKER...

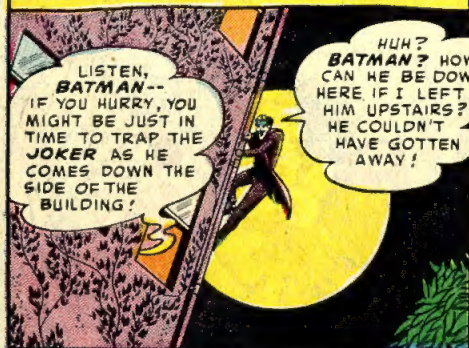
THE PRISONER SUFFERS FROM NEBOPHRENIC SCHIZOPHRENIA... IN NON-MEDICAL LANGUAGE, AN INSANITY MARKED BY EXTREMELY FOOLISH BEHAVIOR! EVEN HIS TWISTED SENSE OF HUMOR WAS MERELY A SYMPTOM OF THIS INSANITY THAT'S NOW OVERCOME HIM!





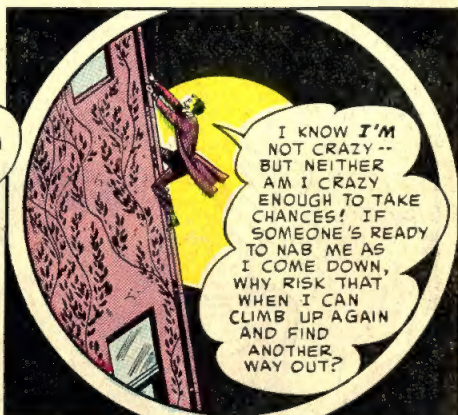


A MOMENT LATER, AS THE JOKER PASSES THE OPEN WINDOW OF THE WARD DIRECTLY BELOW...



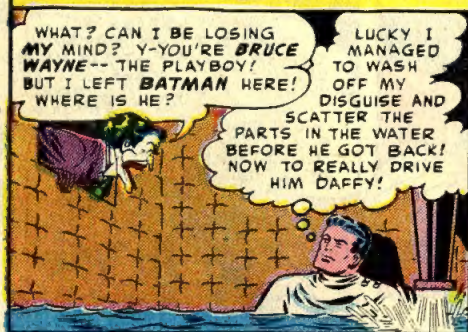
LISTEN, **BATMAN**-- IF YOU HURRY, YOU MIGHT BE JUST IN TIME TO TRAP THE **JOKER** AS HE COMES DOWN THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING!

HUH? **BATMAN**? HOW CAN HE BE DOWN HERE IF I LEFT HIM UPSTAIRS? HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN AWAY!



I KNOW I'M NOT CRAZY-- BUT NEITHER AM I CRAZY ENOUGH TO TAKE CHANCES! IF SOMEONE'S READY TO NAB ME AS I COME DOWN, WHY RISK THAT WHEN I CAN CLIMB UP AGAIN AND FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT?

BUT UPON RETURNING TO THE ROOM WHERE HE LEFT HIS TRAPPED VICTIM, THE **JOKER** GETS THE BIGGEST SHOCK OF ALL!



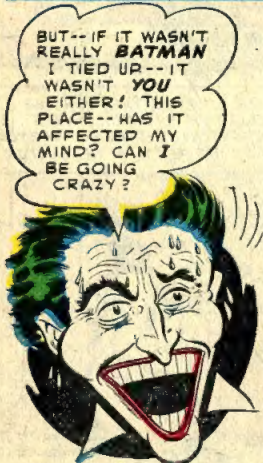
WHAT? CAN I BE LOSING MY MIND? Y-YOU'RE **BRUCE WAYNE**-- THE PLAYBOY! BUT I LEFT **BATMAN** HERE! WHERE IS HE?

LUCKY I MANAGED TO WASH OFF MY DISGUISE AND SCATTER THE PARTS IN THE WATER BEFORE HE GOT BACK! NOW TO REALLY DRIVE HIM DAFKY!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN---WHERE'S **BATMAN**? I'M **BATMAN**--! ME-- **BRUCE WAYNE**! YOU JUST TIED ME UP HERE YOURSELF!

NO--YOU COULDN'T BE **BATMAN**! IT'S A PLOT... A TRAP!... A WILD, CRAZY TRICK! BECAUSE I HEARD **BATMAN** IS DOWNSTAIRS!



BUT-- IF IT WASN'T REALLY **BATMAN** I TIED UP-- IT WASN'T YOU EITHER! THIS PLACE-- HAS IT AFFECTED MY MIND? CAN I BE GOING CRAZY?

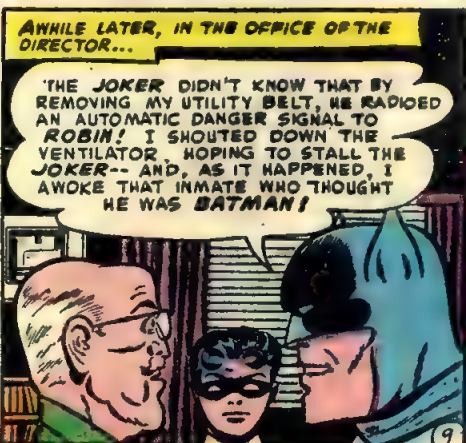
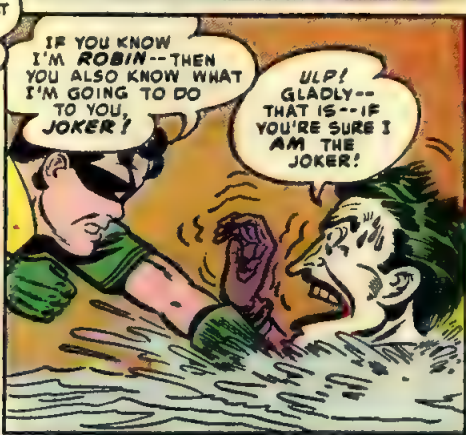
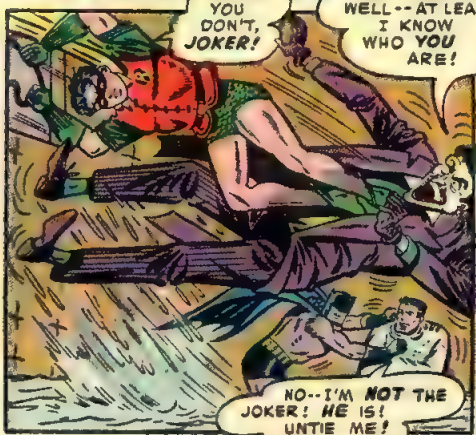
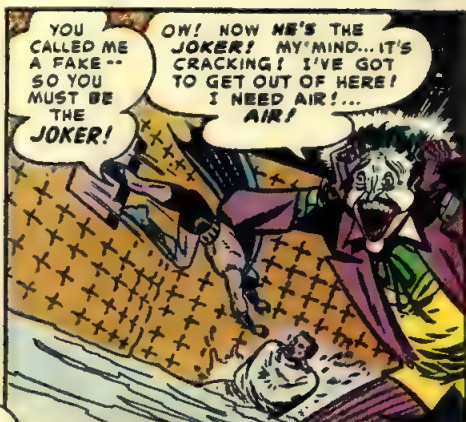
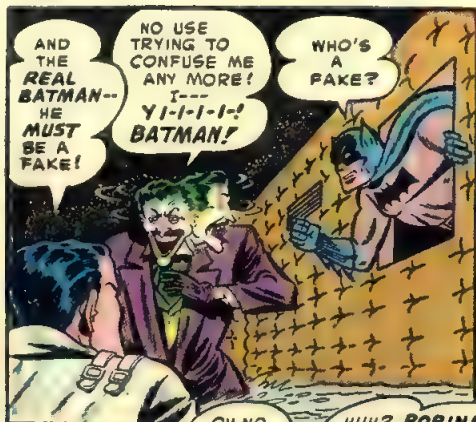


BUT WAIT!...THIS VENTILATOR! YOU COULD'VE SHOUTED THROUGH IT SO THAT YOUR VOICE WOULD EMERGE DOWNSTAIRS! AND, IN MY EXCITEMENT, I'M FORGETTING SOMETHING ELSE--THAT **BATMAN** ALWAYS WEARS A DISGUISE TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY! YOU COULD'VE REMOVED YOUR DISGUISE!



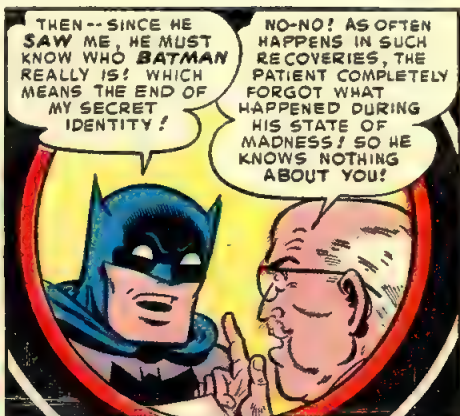
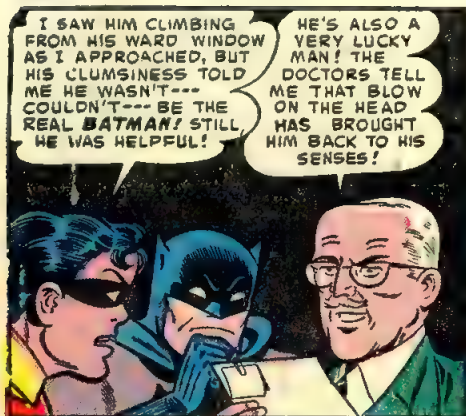
HA, HA... FOR A MOMENT, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT MY MIND! BUT NOW-- IT'S OBVIOUS! AND WHAT'S MORE-- I'VE FINALLY LEARNED THE SECRET OF **BATMAN'S** IDENTITY!

OF COURSE, **JOKER**... I'M **BATMAN**!

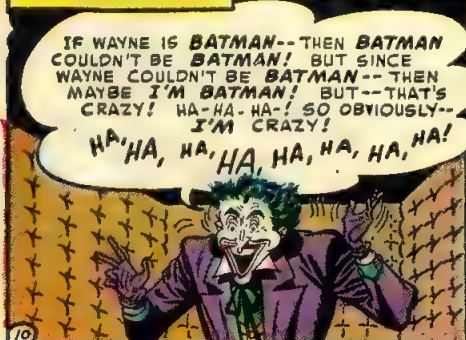




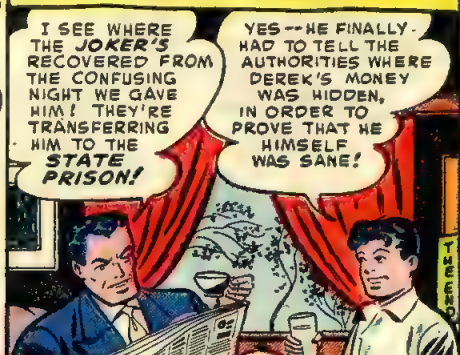
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BUT WHAT ABOUT THE JOKER WOULDN'T HE KNOW THE SECRET? AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN A PADDED CELL...



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UN-OH! JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF!

OKAY! THROW DOWN THAT BOX OF DUBBLE BUBBLE OR WE'LL DRILL YOU!

POP!

WOW! LOOK AT THOSE 'BADDIES' BEAT IT!

NICE GON, PUD!

YIP-PEE! PUD SAVED OUR DUBBLE BUBBLE!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!

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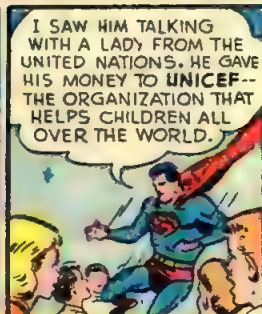
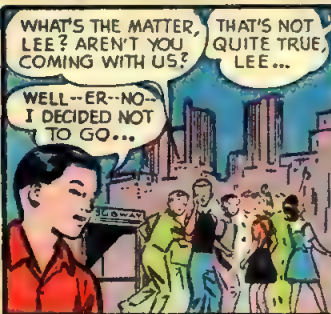
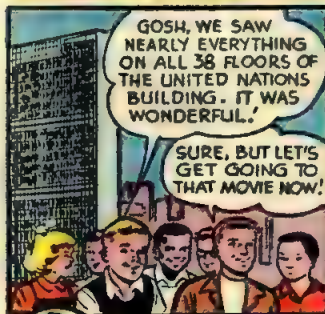
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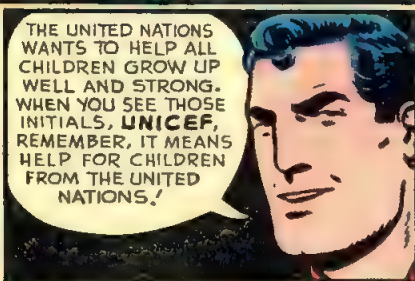
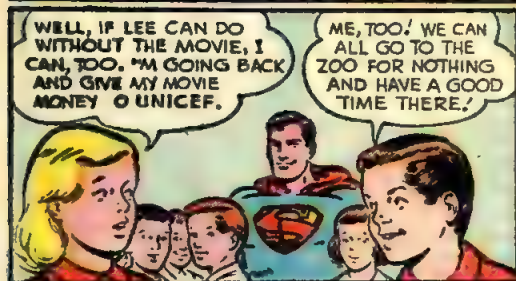
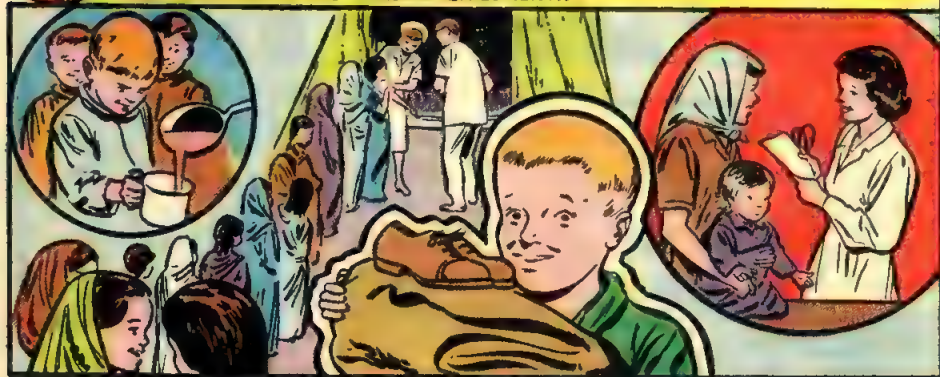


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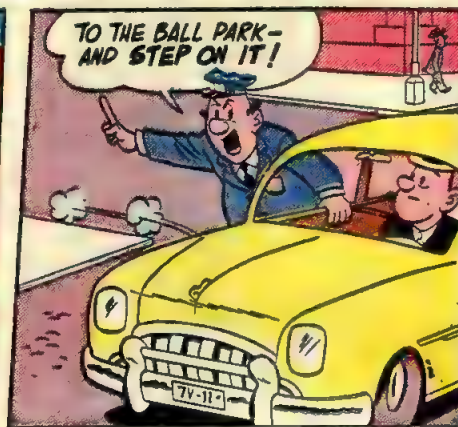
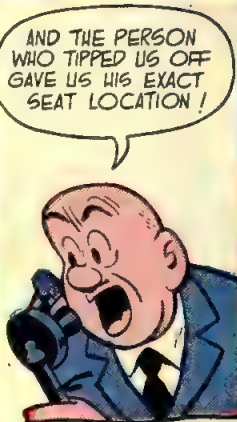
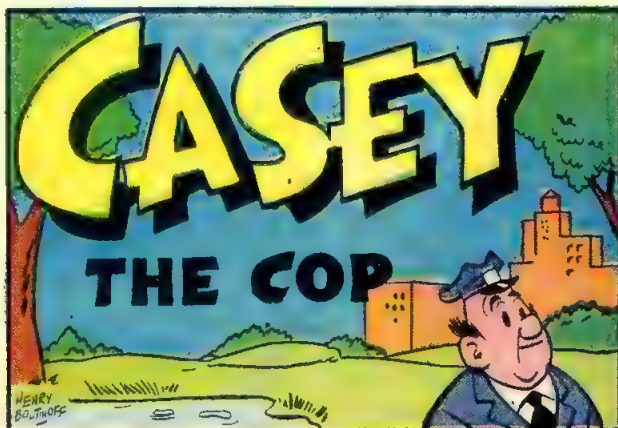
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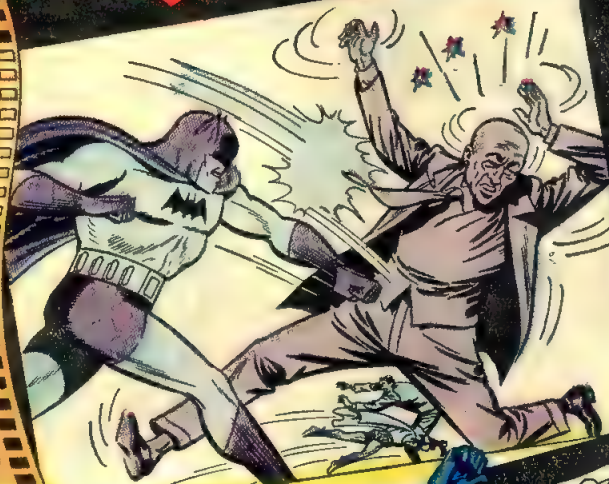


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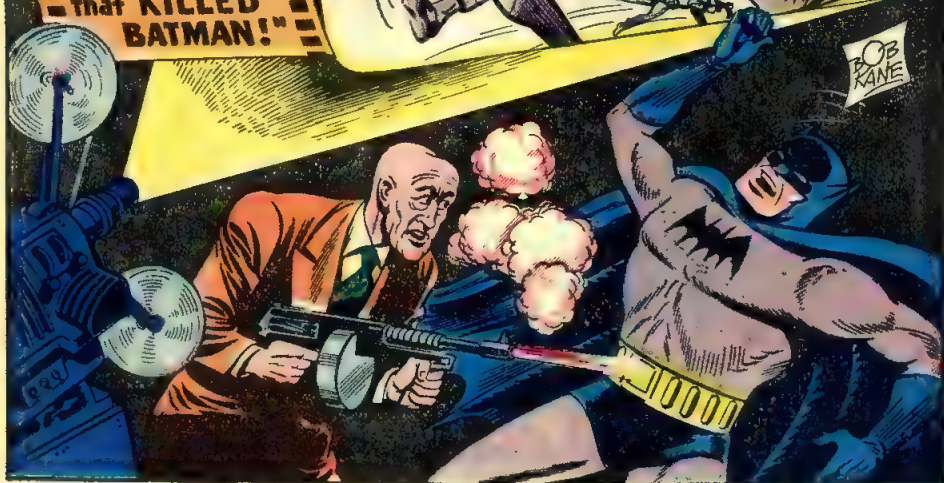
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

IT WAS ALL OVER--
AND PUBLIC ENEMY
SKID TURKEL WAITED
IN DEATH ROW TO
PAY THE PENALTY
FOR HIS VICIOUS CRIMES.
BUT SUDDENLY, OUT
OF THE DOCUMENTARY
FILM STORY OF THE
KILLER'S LIFE, THERE
BURST A DEADLY
PAYOFF FOR THE
CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS
WHO HAD PUT HIM
BEHIND BARS.
SEE WITH YOUR OWN
EYES HOW THE MOTION
PICTURE CAMERA
RECORDS THE TERRIFY-
ING TWIST OF A
GANGSTER'S REVENGE

IN...
**"The MOVIE
that KILLED
BATMAN!"**



BOB
KANE



ONE MORNING IN GOTHAM CITY, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON ARE ABOUT TO DON ACTION UNIFORMS IN ORDER TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

BRUCE-- LOOK! A MOB OF REPORTERS AND PHOTO-GRAPHERS HEADING TOWARD OUR FRONT DOOR.

GREAT SCOTT! THERE'S NO BIG STORY HERE-- UNLESS OUR SECRET IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN EXPOSED! BETTER SKIP THE COSTUMES-- JUST IN CASE.

WHERE'S ALFRED? IF ANYTHING HAS LEAKED OUT, MAYBE HE CAN STALL THEM OFF WHILE WE THINK UP SOME EXCUSE.

WHY-- HE'S OUT IN FRONT ALREADY. AND-- AND-- GOSH. BRUCE! LOOK WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE!

WHY-- THEY'RE TAKING HIS PICTURE AND INTERVIEWING HIM-- AS THOUGH HE WERE SOME BIG CELEBRITY INSTEAD OF MERELY OUR BUTLER!

OF ALL THINGS! WHAT'S ALFRED BEEN UP TO BEHIND OUR BAGS?



NOW, ALFRED-- A BIG SMILE!

WHAT DOES YOUR EMPLOYER, BRUCE WAYNE, SAY TO YOUR NEW ROLE, ALFRED?

I'VE NOT INFORMED MAWSTER BRUCE AS YET-- BUT I EXPECT TO SURPRISE HIM WITH IT VERY SOON.



WHILE OUTSIDE, ALFRED, THE WAYNE BUTLER. THE ONLY MAN ALIVE WHO KNOWS THAT BRUCE AND DICK ARE SECRETLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, FLASHES A SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS...

WHILE IN THE WAYNE MANSION...

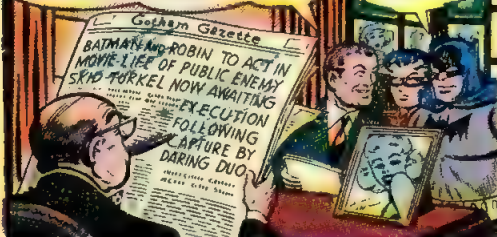
IT'S LATE. WE'LL HAVE TO SATISFY OUR CURIOSITY ABOUT ALFRED LATER, DICK. **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SHOULD'VE BEEN OVER AT THE NATIONAL FILM STUDIOS TEN MINUTES AGO.



SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE STUDIOS, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** MEET WITH PRODUCER WINGATE AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE STATE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU...

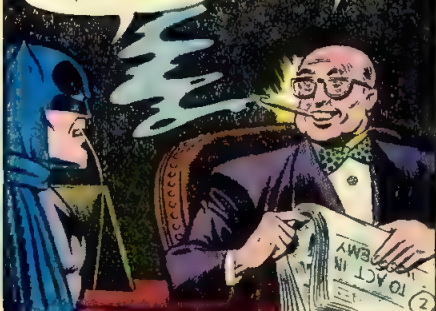
YOUR ASSISTING ON THIS FILM TO STRIP THE GLAMOR FROM A VICIOUS CRIMINAL LIKE TURKEL IS A GREAT AID IN OUR CRIME-PREVENTION WORK.

THAT'S WHY I CONSIDER IT A DUTY TO HELP ON THIS FILM.



BUT OUR CHIEF PROBLEM-- FINDING THE RIGHT MAN TO PLAY TURKEL! ANY LUCK ON THAT YET, WINGATE?

YES, INDEED! HE'S DUE HERE VERY SOON.



AND SOME MOMENTS LATER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SEE A FAMILIAR FIGURE FRAMED IN THE DOORWAY...

GENTLEMEN -- OUR NEW DISCOVERY, SPOTTED BY ONE OF OUR SCOUTS YESTERDAY, WITH HIS HAIR COVERED AND MUSTACHE SHAVED, HE'S A DEAD RINGER FOR TURKEL! HIS NAME'S ALFRED -- AND HE'S BEEN A BUTLER TO SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE.'

WHY -- SO THAT EXPLAINS THOSE REPORTERS -- ER -- I MEAN, YES -- QUITE A RESEMBLANCE...



IT TAKES REAL SELF CONTROL FOR THE ASTONISHED CRIME-BUSTERS TO KEEP FROM GIVING THEMSELVES AWAY. BUT...

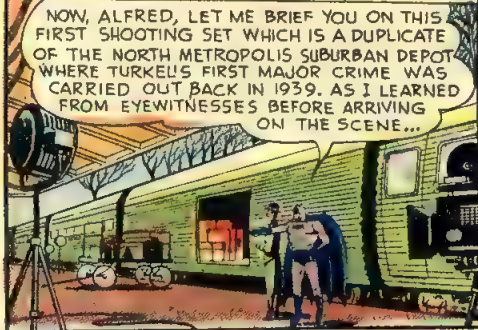
WHILE I SHAN'T DESERT MR. WAYNE, A FLING AT ACTING IS RIGHT DOWN MY WICKET! THEY DO SAY I WAS SUPERB IN THE ROLE OF HAMLET AT THE BUTLER'S JAMBOREE LAST YEAR, SO PLAYING TURKEL SHOULD BE SIMPLE.

THE WINDBAG. LISTEN TO HIM LAYING IT ON.



WITH "INTRODUCTIONS" OVER, NO TIME IS LOST IN PREPARING ALFRED FOR THE ROLE. AS THEY HEAD OUT TOWARD THE SETS...

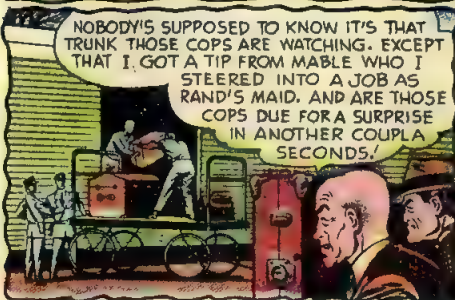
NOW, ALFRED, LET ME BRIEF YOU ON THIS FIRST SHOOTING SET WHICH IS A DUPLICATE OF THE NORTH METROPOLIS SUBURBAN DEPOT WHERE TURKEL'S FIRST MAJOR CRIME WAS CARRIED OUT BACK IN 1939. AS I LEARNED FROM EYEWITNESSES BEFORE ARRIVING ON THE SCENE...



TURKEL WAS SET TO STEAL THE RAND JEWEL COLLECTION HIDDEN IN AN ORDINARY LOOKING TRUNK BEING LOADED ON THE WESTBOUND TRAIN...



NOBODY'S SUPPOSED TO KNOW IT'S THAT TRUNK THOSE COPS ARE WATCHING. EXCEPT THAT I GOT A TIP FROM MABLE WHO I STEERED INTO A JOB AS RAND'S MAID. AND ARE THOSE COPS DUE FOR A SURPRISE IN ANOTHER COUPLA SECONDS!



"SUDDENLY, A SMALL VALISE PLANTED BY TURKEL EXPLODED WITH DEVASTATING EFFECT. CLOUDING THE PLATFORM WITH DENSE SMOKE..."

COME ON -- NOW'S OUR CHANCE! MAKE LIKE WE'RE TRYING TO HELP AND THEN YANK THE JEWEL BOX OUTA THE BACK OF THAT RIPPED TRUNK!



"**ROBIN** AND I WERE AT MERCY HOSPITAL INTERVIEWING A WOUNDED CROOK WHEN THE AMBULANCE CALL CAME IN FROM THE DEPOT..."

COME ON, DOC. WE'LL TAKE YOU IN THE **BATMOBILE**! IT'LL GET YOU TO THE NORTH STATION MUCH FASTER THAN THE AMBULANCE!

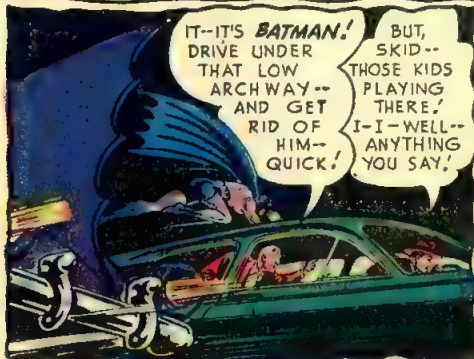


"WE ACTUALLY MADE IT SO FAST, WE SPOTTED TURKEL'S GETAWAY CAR, ZOOMING OUT OF THE STATION..."

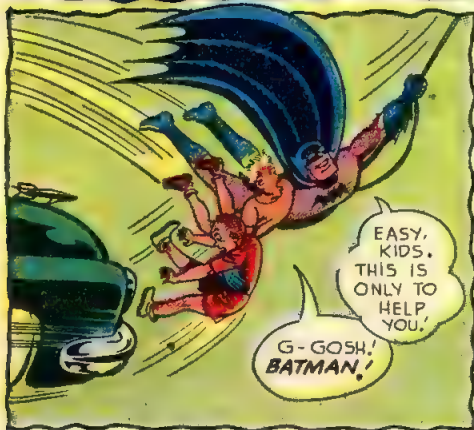
THAT CAR! MUST BE MAKING SOME KIND OF GETAWAY! SWING CLOSE, **ROBIN** -- AND WHEN I JUMP, KEEP GOING SO YOU CAN DELIVER THE DOCTOR!



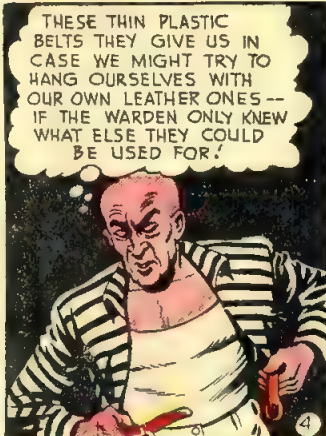
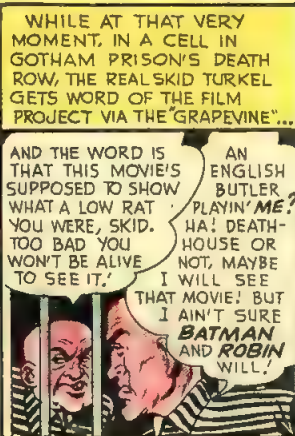
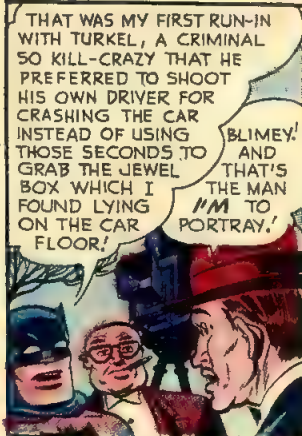
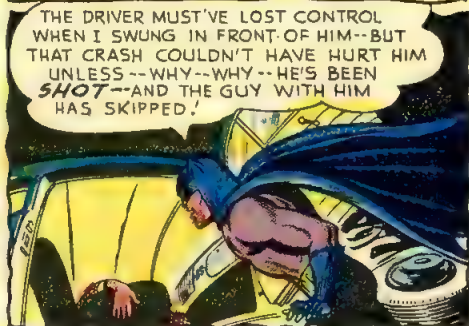
"AS THE **BATMOBILE** SWERVED CLOSE TO THE FLEEING CAR, I JUMPED..."



"AS THE CAR SWERVED TOWARD THE ARCHWAY, I HAD ONLY SECONDS TO USE MY **BAT-ROPE** TO SAVE THOSE KIDS AS WELL AS MYSELF..."



"SWINGING UP TO THE FIRE ESCAPE WITH THE LITTLE BOYS, I HEARD A CRASH AND, AN INSTANT LATER, A GUNSHOT. BY THE TIME I SWUNG DOWN AGAIN, I DISCOVERED..."



NEXT MORNING, AT BREAKFAST IN THE WAYNE HOME...

BURNT TOAST--
OVERSALTED EGGS!
GUESS A BIG MOVIE
STAR LIKE YOU CAN'T
BOTHER COOKING A
DECENT BREAKFAST
ANYMORE!

FRANKLY, MAWSTER
BRUCE-- IT'S
BECAUSE OF
TRYING TO WORK
MYSELF INTO A
STATE OF VICIOUSNESS
IN PREPARATION
FOR THE SCENES
WE'RE SHOOTING THIS
MORNING!

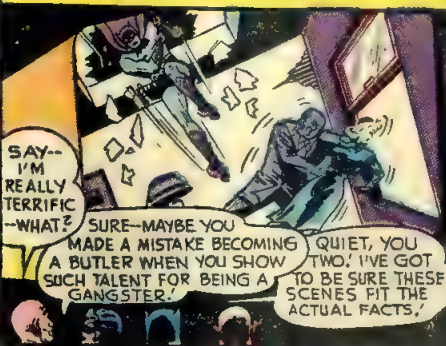


THAT EVENING, AS THE RUSHES OF THE DAY'S TAKE ARE SHOWN IN THE PROJECTION ROOM...

SAY--
I'M
REALLY
TERRIFIC
--WHAT?

SURE--MAYBE YOU
MADE A MISTAKE BECOMING
A BUTLER WHEN YOU SHOW
SUCH TALENT FOR BEING A
GANGSTER!

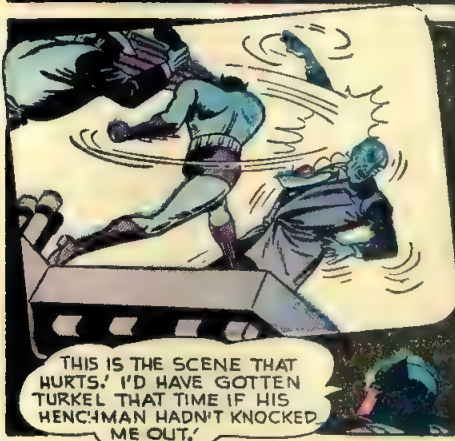
QUIET, YOU
TWO! I'VE GOT
TO BE SURE THESE
SCENES FIT THE
ACTUAL FACTS!



ONE STEP
CLOSER, **BATMAN**
--AND I HURL
THIS GAL OUT
THE WINDOW!

SKIDS--
YOU--
YOU
WOULDN'T!

UNFORTUNATELY,
I'M SURE HE
WOULD, ALL RIGHT.
TURKEL, YOU
WIN THIS TIME!



THIS IS THE SCENE THAT
HURTS! I'D HAVE GOTTEN
TURKEL THAT TIME IF HIS
HENCHMAN HADN'T KNOCKED
ME OUT!

PRESENTLY, AS THE VIEWING ENDS...

DEAR ME-- I'M
SUCH A VICIOUS
CHARACTER, IN THAT
ROLE, THAT I
PRACTICALLY HATE
MYSELF. WHAT WILL
WE BE FILMING
TOMORROW,
BATMAN?

THE BIG
SCENE! THE
FINAL CAPTURE
OF TURKEL THAT
SENT HIM ON A
ONE-WAY TRIP
TO THE DEATH-
HOUSE!

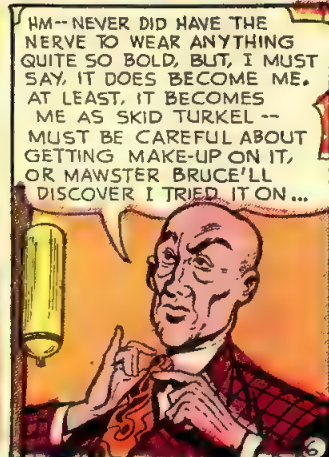
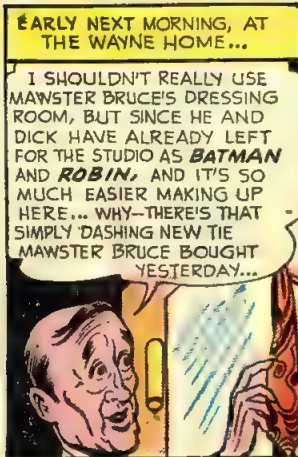
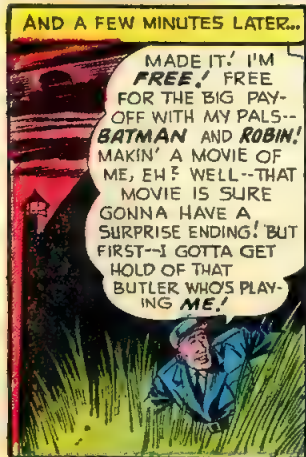
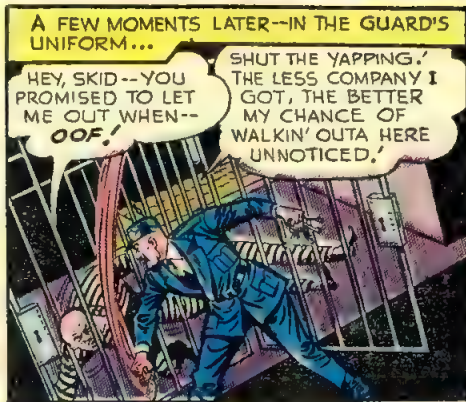
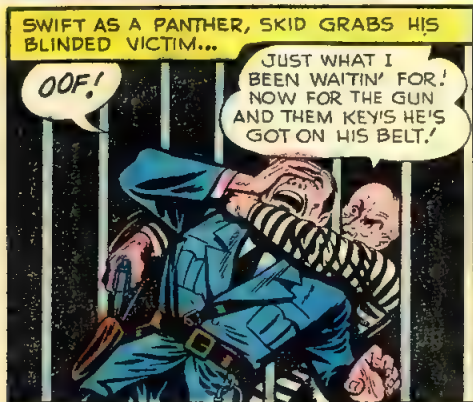
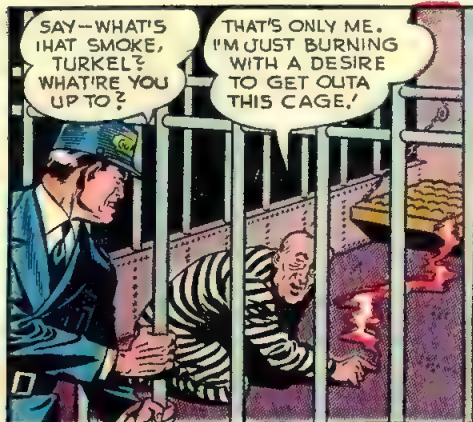


BUT NOT SO ONE-WAY AS **BATMAN**
THINKS, FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT,
IN THE DEATH-HOUSE...

HSSST--SKID!
HERE COMES THE
GUARD, YOU READY
WITH THAT PLASTIC
BELT?

YEAH--A LITTLE
FASTER WITH THIS
FRICTION AND THE
END'LL BUST INTO
FLAME JUST AS
HE COMES BY...







BATMAN



SUDDENLY...

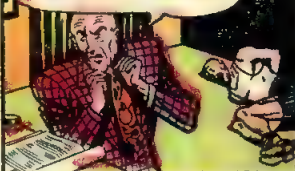
DEAR ME--
I-- I SEEM TO
BE SEEING
DOUBLE-- BUT
HOW COULD
THAT BE
UNLESS
'GASP'--MY
DOUBLE IS--

SKID
TURKEL
-- THE
GENUINE
ARTICLE.

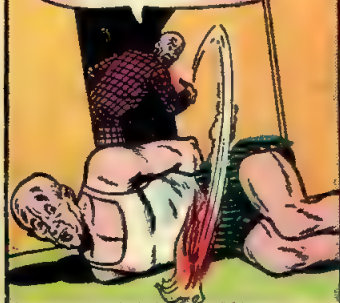


SHORTLY AFTER...

I'LL JUST PUT ON
THIS SUIT YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO WEAR TODAY ACCORDING
TO THIS SCRIPT. AND--
BEIN' THE REAL MCCOY,
I WON'T HAVE TO MEMORIZE
THE LINES. I KNOW THEM BY
HEART! BESIDES--I'M PLAN-
NING A FEW IMPORTANT
CHANGES IN THE
ENDING! HA-HA!



AS FOR YOU, I'M
LEAVING YOU THIS--
AND LOCKING YOU IN
SO YOU'LL KNOW THAT
YOU'RE FIRED AS
AN ACTOR! HA-HA!

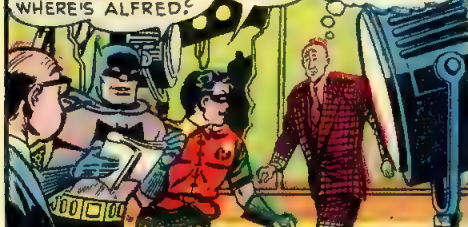


SOON, AT THE FILM STUDIO...

I'D LIKE TO
DISCUSS THIS NEXT
SCENE BEFORE WE
START SHOOTING,
SINCE IT'LL BE THE
BIG CLIMAX!
WHERE'S ALFRED?

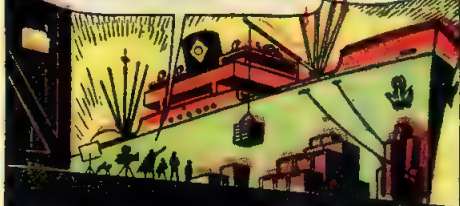
HERE
HE
COMES
NOW!

IF THEY
ONLY KNEW
THE CHANGES
I'M GONNA
MAKE IN
THEIR
SCRIPT...



PRESENTLY, ON THE SET OF THE LAST
SCENE...

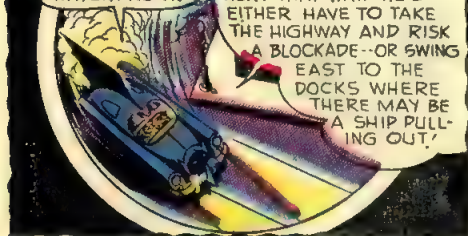
NOW, ALFRED-- I'LL RUN
OVER THIS FINAL SCENE THE WAY IT
ACTUALLY HAPPENED, SO THAT WHEN
WE START SHOOTING, YOU'LL BE ALL
SET. IT WAS LAST JULY. ROBIN AND I SPENT
THE NIGHT PATROLLING IN THE BATMOBILE AND
THE DAWN WAS JUST COMING UP...



"SUDDENLY, OUR POLICE RADIO
ANNOUNCED THAT SKID TURKEL HAD
JUST HELD UP THE GOTHAM OPERA
AND THE GETAWAY CAR WAS SPEEDING
SOUTH ON MILL STREET..."

BUT, BATMAN--
THIS TURN WILL
ONLY LEAD TO THE
WATERFRONT!

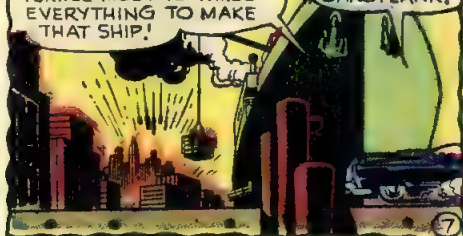
REMEMBER--THERE'S
A DETOUR SOUTH OF
MILL STREET. IF TURKEL
WENT THAT WAY, HE'D
EITHER HAVE TO TAKE
THE HIGHWAY AND RISK
A BLOCKADE--OR SWING
EAST TO THE
DOCKS WHERE
THERE MAY BE
A SHIP PULL-
ING OUT!



"PRESENTLY, AS WE CAME RACING TOWARD
THE WATERFRONT..."

SEE--I WAS RIGHT! THAT
FREIGHTER'S JUST PICKING
UP THE LAST OF A CRATE
OF BANANAS FOR SHIPMENT
TO SOME CANADIAN PORT!
TURKEL MUST'VE TIMED
EVERYTHING TO MAKE
THAT SHIP!

HURRY--
THEY'RE
PULLING
UP THE
GANGPLANK!





BATMAN

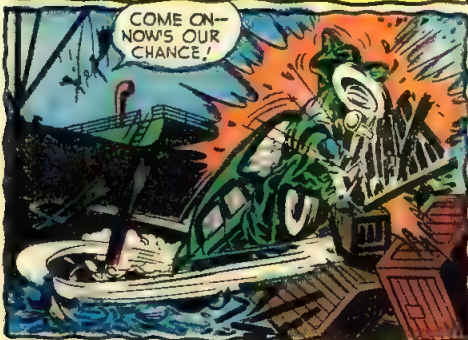


"BUT I WAS ONLY PARTLY RIGHT, FOR HARDLY HAD WE GOTTEN ABOARD THE ALREADY MOVING VESSEL, WHEN..."

THE GETAWAY CAR! THERE IT GOES! TURKEL MUST'VE KNOWN WE'D BE RIGHT ON HIS HEELS IF WE WERE ON PATROL-- AND FIGURED HE'D BOARD THIS BOAT LOOKING FOR HIM--GIVING HIM TIME TO DOUBLE BACK AND MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY!



"AS I HOPED, THE SPEEDING LIMOUSINE SKIDDED WILDLY ON THE SOFT PULPY FRUIT FROM THE SHATTERED CRATE..."



COME ON-- NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

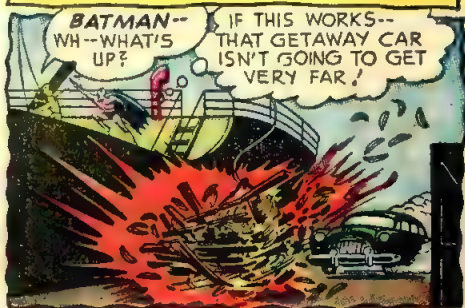
"IF WE HAD LITTLE TIME FOR WONDERING HOW WE'D ESCAPED AS WE LANDED AND WADED INTO THE GANG..."



HERE'S WHERE I PUT MY FOOT INTO SOMETHING--AND GET A REAL KICK OUT OF IT!

OUCH! MABEL! THIS IS HER DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSS!

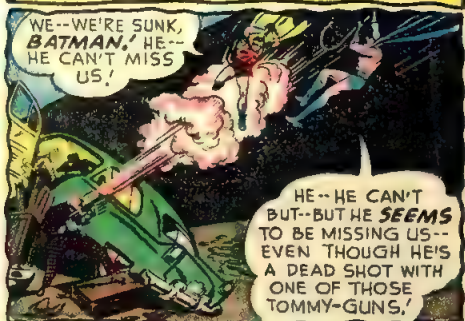
"ACTUALLY, IT WAS A DELIBERATE TAUNT-- BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE TO RISK TRICKING US THAT WAY. BUT-- THEN I NOTICED THAT CRATE OF BANANAS STILL DANGLING FROM THE SHIP'S BOOM..."



BATMAN-- WH--WHAT'S UP?

IF THIS WORKS-- THAT GETAWAY CAR ISN'T GOING TO GET VERY FAR!

"BUT--SWIFT AS A PANTHER, SKID LEAPED FROM THE CAR, CATCHING US IN MID-SWING WITH A HAIL OF DEADLY TOMMY-GUN FIRE!"



WE--WE'RE SUNK, BATMAN! HE-- HE CAN'T MISS US!

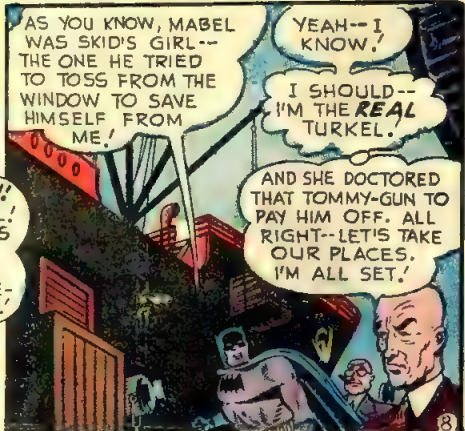
HE--HE CAN'T BUT--BUT HE SEEMS TO BE MISSING US--EVEN THOUGH HE'S A DEAD SHOT WITH ONE OF THOSE TOMMY-GUNS!

AS YOU KNOW, MABEL WAS SKID'S GIRL-- THE ONE HE TRIED TO TOSS FROM THE WINDOW TO SAVE HIMSELF FROM ME!

YEAH-- I KNOW!

I SHOULD-- I'M THE REAL TURKEL!

AND SHE DOCTORED THAT TOMMY-GUN TO PAY HIM OFF. ALL RIGHT--LET'S TAKE OUR PLACES. I'M ALL SET!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, WITH THE CAMERAS SET TO RE-ENACT THIS ENTIRE EPISODE...

NO--NO-- TAKE THAT STUDIO GUN AWAY. I KNEW WE WERE GOING TO SHOOT THIS LAST SCENE FIRST-- SO I BROUGHT MY OWN GUN FROM MR. WAYNE'S HOUSE. IT'S MUCH MORE REALISTIC.

WELL-- YEAH-- I GUESS IT IS, MR. ALFRED.

WE'RE ALL SET UP HERE.

THEY'RE SWINGING DOWN! LIGHTS-- CAMERA!

AS THE CAMERAMEN START TO FILM THE SCENE-- LITTLE DO THEY REALIZE **HOW** REALISTIC IT IS...

THIS TIME I KNOW MY TOMMY-GUN'LL WORK. AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MISS! WHAT AN ENDING TO THIS FILM-- **CURTAINS FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

THEN AS A BURST OF DEADLY LEAD SPEWS FROM THE GUN'S MUZZLE...

WHY--WHY--THEY'RE FALLING! THOSE ROPES-- ONLY **REAL** BULLETS COULD CUT THEM! S-SOMETHING'S WRONG! **CUT! CUT!**

SUDDENLY--A NEW SURPRISE...

STOP THE SCENE! THAT MAN--HE'S NO ACTOR! HE'S THE **REAL** SKID TURKEL AND--OH! **OHH!** BLIMEY-- IT'S TOO LATE! HE--HE'S **KILLED THEM!**

THE BUTLER! YOU GOT AWAY! WELL-- THIS TIME YOU WON'T--BECAUSE I'M WIPING OUT THIS WHOLE FILM COMPANY!

CAN'T YOU SEE THE HEADLINES? TURKEL WRITES BULLET-PACKED FINISH TO HIS OWN MOVIE! YOU-- CAMERAMAN! START THAT CAMERA GOING! THIS HAS GOT TO BE ON FILM SO THE WHOLE WORLD CAN SEE HOW TOUGH SKID TURKEL IS!!

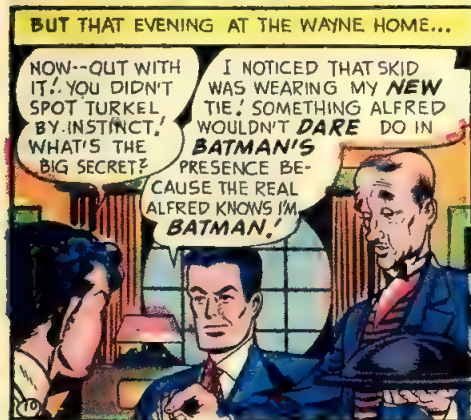
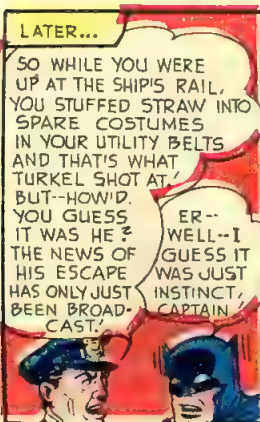
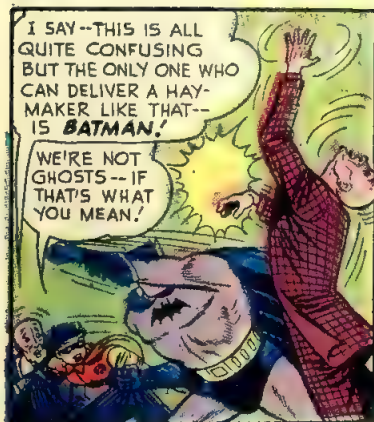
BUT THE SURPRISE ENDING IS STILL TO COME AS, SUDDENLY...

YES--AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL SEE HOW THE TOUGHEST CROOK ALWAYS GETS HIS JUST DESERTS IN THE END! BECAUSE HE'S NOT SMART ENOUGH TO OUTSMART THE LAW!

OOF! B-BATMAN! IT CAN'T BE!



BATMAN



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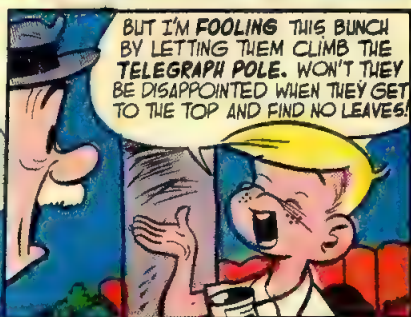
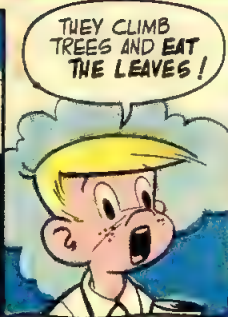
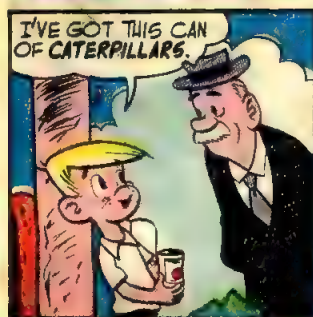
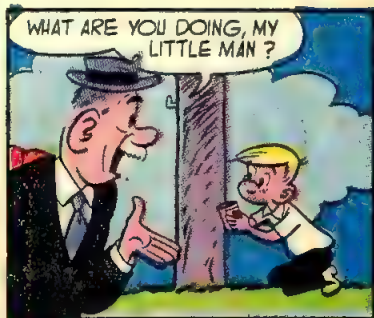
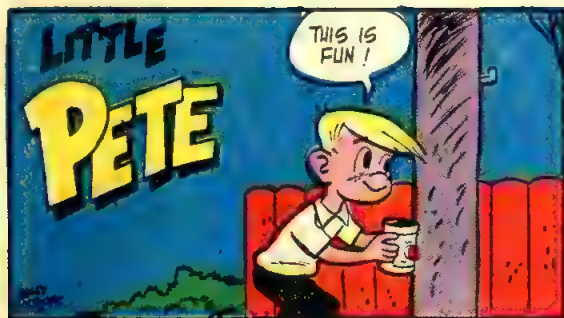
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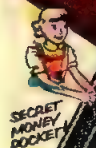
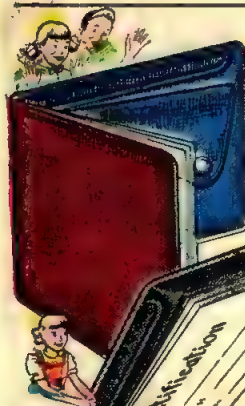


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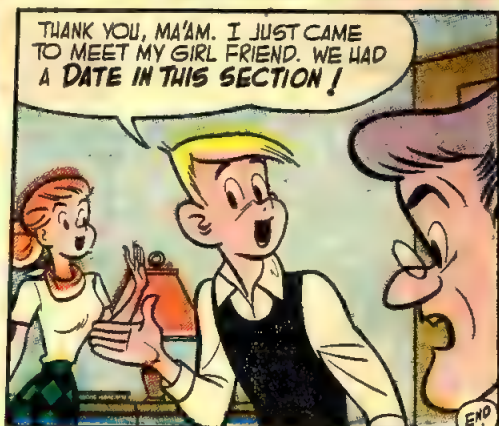
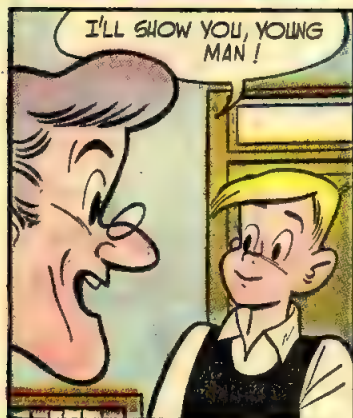
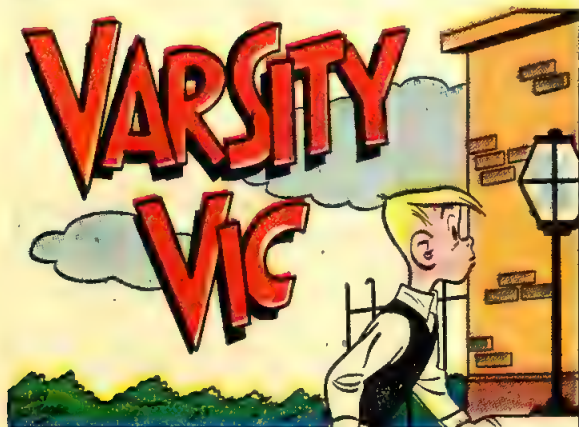
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NOT so long ago, an investigator of the United States Customs happened to glance at a refrigerator that was being shipped overseas. Customs men are naturally suspicious individuals, and this particular one was irked by a recent report that gold-smuggling was on the increase.

He glanced at the shipping papers accompanying the refrigerator, and decided the machine warranted looking into. From long experience, he knew that the average person, shipping a refrigerator overseas, is very careful to make certain that it's going to be protected from getting scratched and marred.

Whoever was sending this refrigerator had wound steel bands around it, and these bands had cut deep into the polished surface enamel. What's more, the box was insured for an amount far in excess of its actual value.

The Customs man ordered the shipping case and wire bands removed, and the refrigerator opened. He wasn't particularly surprised to find it completely empty. Customs men are pretty wise by now to the devious ways of smugglers.

Prepared to pay the damage if he guessed wrong, he ordered the box dismantled, revealing a lining of the purest gold plate!

Our Customs man shrugged off colleagues' words of praise with:

"Oh, that didn't require any special brains.

The same thing was tried a couple of years back—with a stove!"

Why the current upswing in gold-smuggling? Because gold remains the most precious and stable commodity in world markets. As one expert put it, "There is always a steady market in Europe, and Argentina has come up in the last two years as one of the biggest black market centers for smuggled gold."

The United States Assay Office sells gold to licensed refiners at about \$35 an ounce. The refiners, in turn, are satisfied with a modest margin of profit of under nine dollars an ounce. Therefore, where the high on the legitimate market has reached \$43 an ounce, the black market has brought as much as \$80 an ounce.

Black market deals, as a rule, are prepared well in advance of the actual transfer of gold for cash. Here is how a typical case goes:

Runners will receive an order from abroad for gold, being paid in advance for the metal. Runners generally operate on a profit of from 25 to 30 cents an ounce. After the gold is collected, it is made ready for shipment.

It can be pounded into a flat plate and inserted in the lining of a refrigerator, as previously described, or four or five pounds of the gleaming metal can be pressed into the lining of a pair of shoes.

The gold will be taken to Europe by a courier, who gets about \$1500 for the trip. When the courier reaches the foreign port, he

is met by a man he doesn't know, but who identifies himself by some pre-arranged code. The courier wastes no time in turning the gold over to the stranger.

Customs men once found almost thirty pounds of gold hidden in a specially constructed vest worn under a regular shirt. In Dijon, France, a Swiss resident was arrested by agents of the French customs when he crossed the Swiss frontier at La Cure in a large American car.

The Swiss had aroused the curiosity of a filling-station attendant in Dole by paying undue attention to the wheels of the car, which were, according to the attendant, operating perfectly. The attendant mentioned this to a local policeman, who relayed the incident to Dijon, where it was discovered that the hub caps were fashioned of pure gold!

The automobile happens to be a favorite instrument used by gold smugglers. Agents have found gold hidden in false gas tanks, and in containers welded to the under sides of fenders. A recent gold seizure showed that the smuggler had removed the running boards of a car. As though made to order, the supports of the running boards each contained three wells. And each well contained a gold bar.

Besides lining refrigerators with gold plate, smugglers, in one instance, removed the refrigerator motor, and in its place put gold of equal weight.

Secret Service agents have split open bed posts and drawn out gold wire and ribbon worth millions. One agent, on a hunch, took the roller of a typewriter, and found it loaded with the metal.

Gold has been shipped in cans of paint, barrels of grease (no doubt in the mistaken hope that agents wouldn't want to dip their hands into the mess), and sealed cans of chicken fat. Once, an agent, lifting a salami presumably en route to a salami-starved sufferer in Europe, almost fell over at the unexpected weight of the delicacy.

A would-be smuggler with a steel plate in his head, the result of a serious accident suffered years before, once approached a doctor to ask him if he would exchange the steel plate for a removable gold one. The good doctor needed a consultation for that one—with the Secret Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Louis I. Kaplan, who has been working on this problem in conjunction with the Secret Service and the United States Customs, said recently that illegal trading in fine gold to be smuggled into foreign ports gained impetus after the last war.

The peak, he revealed, was reached in 1949 and early 1950, when the United States Assay Office in New York was selling \$8,000,000 worth of gold a month to licensed dealers. Before that, the average had been between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 a month.

Since the start of the current campaign, the monthly legitimate purchases in fine gold has dropped to \$4,000,000. This is an indication, concluded the attorney, that the operations of the gold-smuggling racket have been cut sharply.

These optimistic figures will only serve to make Secret Service and Customs agents more vigilant than ever, for they know that smugglers never say die—there's too much big money in it.

Agents personally like the case of the smuggler who, having run out of ideas to conceal cleverly four bars of gold he wished to smuggle into Canada, simply tied a string around the bars, without any additional covering. He then dumped the exposed package on the front seat of his car, beside him, and with a straight face, answered "no" to the question as to whether or not he was taking anything across the border.

He almost got away with it, too—until a ray of sunshine glanced off the gold bar, temporarily blinding a Customs man.

—by Jim Moss



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HAD ENOUGH
OF THE **WATER**?
YET, **BATMAN**?
HA-HA! LOOK AT TWO
POOR FISH!

EVERYBODY KNOWS ALL ABOUT WATER—ONE OF THE MOST COMMON THINGS IN THE WORLD! IT PUTS OUT FIRES, QUENCHES THIRST, FURNISHES ELECTRICITY, MAKES PLANTS GROW; IT HAS COUNTLESS USES! BUT DID YOU EVER HEAR OF **WATER** BEING USED FOR **CRIME**? THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS NOW—WHEN **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RUN UP AGAINST ONE OF THE STRANGEST CRIMINALS OF THEIR CAREER! THE MAN CALLED **HYDRO**—WHO USES WATER AS A **WEAPON**—AND THREATENS TO ENGULF ALL OF GOTHAM CITY IN THE STORY CALLED...

THE CRIMES WATER OF MR. HYDRO!



ONE AFTERNOON, AT A PRISON BASEBALL GAME WITHIN THE WALLS OF GOTHAM STATE PENITENTIARY...

HEY, TIM FLAGG! C'MON WITH THAT WATER! I'M DYIN' OF THIRST! HURRY UP!

I'M COMIN', CHAMP! I'M COMIN'!



AND WHEN CHAMP DEXTER HAS HIS FILL OF THE WATER...

CHAMP, Lissen! I HEAR YOU AND SOME OF THE BOYS ARE BREAKIN' OUTA HERE TONIGHT! I WANT IN, CHAMP! TAKE ME ALONG!

ARE YOU KIDDIN'? TAKE YOU? Lissen, PUNK! BREAKIN' OUTA HERE IS A MAN'S JOB! WE DON'T WANT NO WATER-BOYS GETTIN' IN OUR WAY!



BUT, CHAMP! I KIN HELP! I GOT BRAINS! GIMME A CHANCE, CHAMP!

BRAINS! HUH! YOU'VE BEEN A WATER-BOY ALL YER LIFE! THAT'S ALL YER GOOD FOR-- BRINGIN' THE STRONG GUYS WATER! NOW LEGGO!



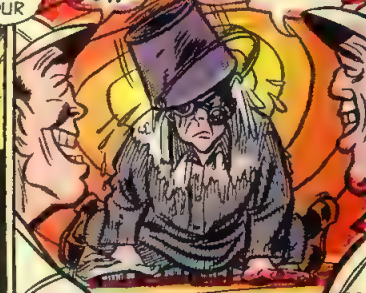
BUT AS THE THWARTED TIM FLAGG CONTINUES TO PLEAD WITH DEXTER...

I TOLD YA TO LAY OFF ME! MAYBE THIS'LL PUT SOME SENSE INTO YER HEAD! HERE-- HAVE SOME OF YOUR PRECIOUS WATER!



HAW! LOOKIT THE WATER-BOY!

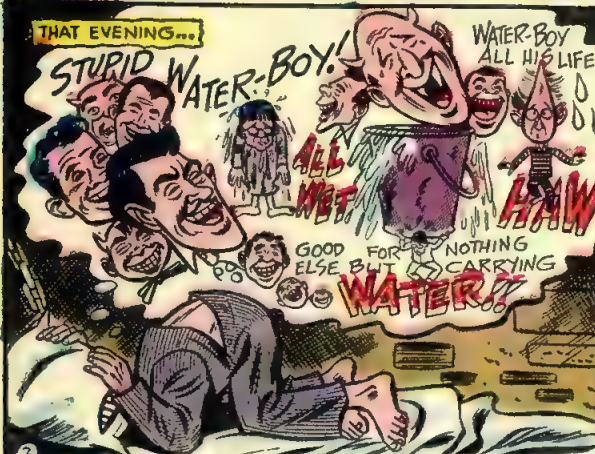
HA-HA! WATER-BOY FLAGG IS SURE ALL WET!



THAT EVENING...

STUPID WATER-BOY!

WATER-BOY ALL HIS LIFE
ALL WET
HAW
GOOD FOR NOTHING ELSE BUT CARRYING WATER!



THEN... WATER-BOY, EH? I'LL SHON 'EM! THEY'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA! WATER! YEAH! I'LL SHON 'EM WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH WATER!





BATMAN



MOMENTS LATER, AS A SHRILL ALARM ECHOES THROUGH THE PRISON...

IT'S **AWFUL!**
THEY GOT CHAMP
AND THE BOYS **COLD!**
MOWED 'EM RIGHT
DOWN!

THE **GREAT** CHAMP DEXTER!
A **BIG** MAN. I'M LUCKY I
DIDN'T GO! AND SOON I'LL SHOW
THE REST OF THESE WISE GUYS
HOW TO **BREAK OUT** OF
THIS HOLE!



AND AS DAYS PASS...

HA-HA! I
WANGLED THE
JOB OF KEEPING
THE **WATER-**
TOWER IN
REPAIR. BUT
IF THEY ONLY
KNEW WHAT
I WAS UP
TO!

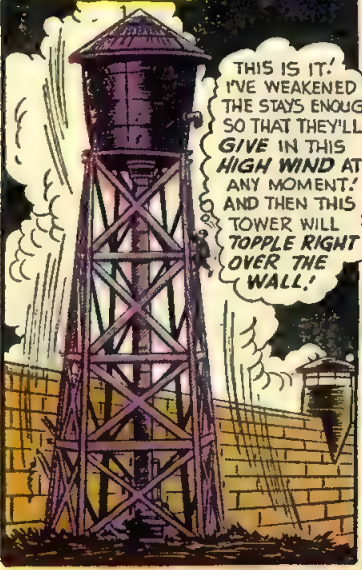


THEN ONE DAY...

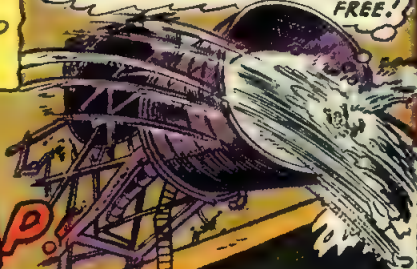
THIS IS IT!
I'VE WEAKENED
THE STAYS ENOUGH
SO THAT THEY'LL
GIVE IN THIS
HIGH WIND AT
ANY MOMENT!
AND THEN THIS
TOWER WILL
TOPPLE RIGHT
OVER THE
WALL!

ALL AT ONCE, AS
THE GIANT
STRUCTURE
BUCKLES AND
STARTS TO
TOPPLE...

ANY **OTHER** TIME, A FALL LIKE THIS WOULD
KILL ME! BUT NOW THE **WATER** WILL
ACT AS A **CUSHION**--AND SPREAD. THE
SHOCK! I'LL BE OVER THE WALL--AND
FREE!



SNAP!



AND THAT NIGHT, HIS ESCAPE A COMPLETE
SUCCESS, TIM FLAGG PLANS A STRANGE
AND CONFIDENT FUTURE.

YES--A CRIME-REIGN--WITH **WATER**
AS MY WEAPON! I'LL CALL MYSELF
HYDRO--AND NO ONE WILL STOP ME!
NOT EVEN BATMAN! FOR I KNOW
A WAY THAT EVEN **BATMAN**
CAN BE BROUGHT TO HIS
KNEES BY **WATER!**

SCANT SECONDS LATER...

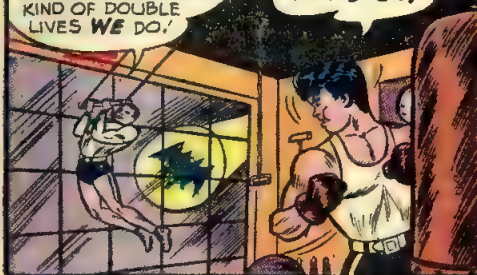
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
HARDLY FELT IT! HA-HA!
WATER-BOY, EH? I
SHOWED 'EM WHAT **WATER**
KIN DO! AND THIS IS ONLY
THE BEGINNING!



A FEW EVENINGS LATER, IN THE PRIVATE GYM WITHIN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON ...

NOTHING LIKE KEEPING IN CONDITION, DICK-- WHEN YOU LEAD THE KIND OF DOUBLE LIVES **WE** DO!

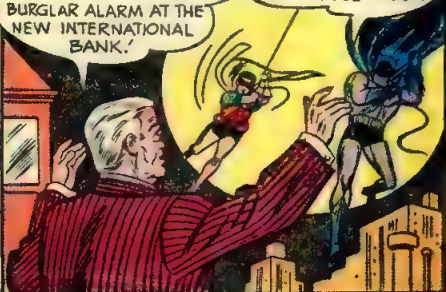
OH-OH! THE **BAT-SIGNAL!** OUR **OTHER** LIVES ARE STARTING **RIGHT NOW!** **LET'S GO!**



MOMENTS LATER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER SWOOP DOWN UPON POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

HURRY, **BATMAN!** SOME-ONE HAS TRIPPED THE BURGLAR ALARM AT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BANK!

HE'S GOT HIS NERVE! THAT VAULT IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOOL-PROOF!

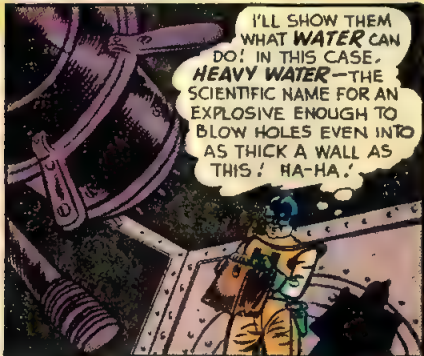


MEANWHILE, NEAR THE GIANT VAULT OF THE NEW SUPER-BANK...

NOW **HYDRO** WILL MAKE CRIMINAL HISTORY! HA-HA! WITH MY NEWLY ACQUIRED GANG COVERING FOR ME, THIS SHOULD BE A CINCH!



I'LL SHOW THEM WHAT **WATER** CAN DO! IN THIS CASE, **HEAVY WATER**--THE SCIENTIFIC NAME FOR AN EXPLOSIVE ENOUGH TO BLOW HOLES EVEN INTO AS THICK A WALL AS THIS! HA-HA!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** NEAR THE BANK! BUT SUDDENLY...

THERE THEY ARE! **POUR IT ON 'EM, BOYS!** HA-HA! THE BOSS SURE HAD A GOOD IDEA, WHEN HE THOUGHT OF THESE **FIRE HOSES!**

CAREFUL, **ROBIN!** WE CAN'T FORCE OUR WAY THROUGH THESE HEAVY STREAMS! A COUNTER-ATTACK IS CALLED FOR!



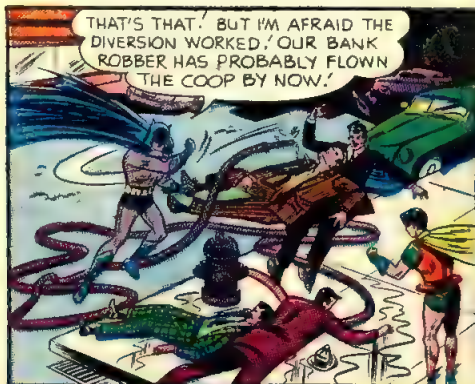
SWIFTLY, **BATMAN** PULLS HIS **BATARANGS** FROM HIS UTILITY BELT. AS **ROBIN** FOLLOWS SUIT! AND A MOMENT LATER, AS THE MISSILES FLY THROUGH THE AIR WITH DEADLY ACCURACY...

CLUNK!



RIGHT ON THE NOSE, **ROBIN!** THE **BATARANGS** HIT THE FAUCET VALVES AND CLOSED THEM MOST OF THE WAY! LET'S GO!





THAT'S THAT! BUT I'M AFRAID THE DIVERSION WORKED! OUR BANK ROBBER HAS PROBABLY FLOWN THE COOP BY NOW!



AND INSIDE THE BANK...

WELL, AT LEAST HE WAS TOO HURRIED TO DO AN EFFECTIVE JOB! HE GOT AWAY WITH VERY LITTLE!

HEAVY WATER! HMM! WHAT WITH THOSE HOSES, LOOKS LIKE WATER WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY AROUND HERE!

LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AFTER A CONFESSION HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM HYDRO'S CAPTURED HENCHMEN...

HYDRO, EH? AND HE DELIBERATELY USES WATER AS A WEAPON! WELL--WE RUN INTO SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY!

YES--AND LET'S HOPE THIS WATER CRIMINAL DOESN'T MAKE US SEEM ALL WET!



NEXT DAY, AT HYDRO'S GARISH HIDEOUT...

A KID'S PLASTIC SWIMMIN' POOL! WHAT IN THE WORLD'S THAT FOR, BOSS?

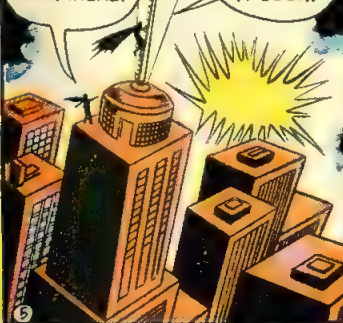
HA-HA! YOU'LL SEE! JUST ANOTHER USE OF WATER TO FURTHER MY CRIMINAL AMBITIONS!



LATE THAT AFTERNOON, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN CONTINUE THEIR INCESSANT PATROL GUARDING THE CITIZENRY OF GOTHAM CITY...

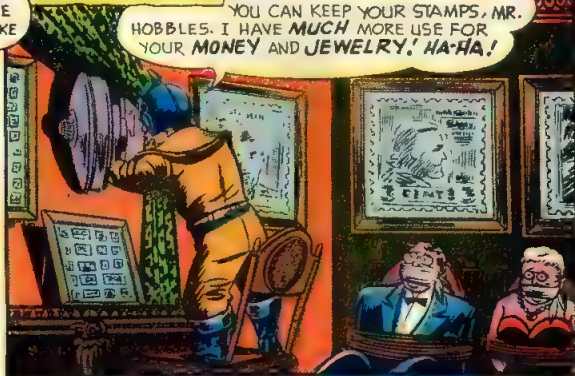
BATMAN! I JUST SPOTTED A FLASH OF YELLOW, DUCKING INTO ONE OF THE WINDOWS OF THAT APARTMENT HOUSE OVER THERE!

COULD BE HYDRO--COMING IN FROM THE FIRE ESCAPE! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!



MEANWHILE, IN THE APARTMENT OF WEALTHY STAMP COLLECTOR JAMES HOBBLES...

YOU CAN KEEP YOUR STAMPS, MR. HOBBLES. I HAVE MUCH MORE USE FOR YOUR MONEY AND JEWELRY! HA-HA!



ALL AT ONCE! IT'S **HYDRO!** AND A ROBBERY! BUT YOU'VE BLUNDERED, **HYDRO!** THAT'S **NOT** THE **FIRE-ESCAPE** WINDOW! AND YOU'RE **SEVEN** **STORIES UP!**

SO I AM, **BATMAN!** BUT I'M GOING OUT ANY WAY! I'D PLANNED THIS, JUST IN CASE YOU SHOWED UP! HA-HA!

ABRUPTLY, THE **WATER-CRIMINAL** DIVES OUT THE WINDOW; AND AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RUSH OVER...

A CHILD'S SWIMMING POOL! IT'S THE OLD CIRCUS TRICK--OF DIVING INTO A SHALLOW TANK OF WATER! AND IT'S SURE A FAST METHOD OF ESCAPE!

THEN THE CHASE MUST BE **JUST AS FAST!** STAND BACK, **ROBIN!** I'M DIVING AFTER HIM!

A MOMENT LATER...

GREAT GRIEF, HE'S SLASHED THE PLASTIC! **BATMAN'S** DIVING INTO AN EMPTY POOL!

SO! **BATMAN** WOULD FOLLOW ME, EH? WELL--LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE'S **NO** **WATER** IN THIS POOL!

AND MOMENTS LATER...

I'M ALL RIGHT, **ROBIN!** JUST SHAKEN UP A LITTLE...

THANKS TO YOUR SPLENDID CONDITION! THAT WAS CLOSE! WITHOUT THAT AWNING TO BREAK YOUR FALL, YOU'D HAVE BEEN A GONER!

BUT **BATMAN** SPOTS THE DANGER! AND WITH ALL HIS VAUNTED MUSCULAR COORDINATION, HE SUDDENLY TWISTS LIKE A TRAINED HIGH-DIVER AS...

HE MANAGED TO ALTER HIS COURSE AND HIT THAT AWNING TO BREAK HIS FALL! I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO HIM RIGHT AWAY!

THAT NIGHT...

WHAT ABOUT **BATMAN**, **HYDRO**? YOU SAID YOU HAD A PLAN TO **FIX HIM GOOD!** YOU AIN'T AIMIN' TO DO IT WITH THAT WATER-PISTOL, ARE YA??

HA-HA! NO--NO! HAVE PATIENCE! I HAVE AN ASSISTANT WORKING ON THE PROJECT NOW! SOON I'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE AGAINST **BATMAN!**

AND AS DAYS PASS, **HYDRO** WAGES HIS **WATER WAR** AGAINST ALL OF GOTHAM CITY!

IT'S **HYDRO**! HE'S GOING TO BLOW UP THE **DAM**! HE'LL FLOOD THE COUNTRY-SIDE--AND THEN LOOT IT AT WILL!

ROBIN! GET THE REMOVABLE FRONT SEAT OUT OF THE **BATMOBILE!** **HURRY!**

A MOMENT LATER...

I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D USE THIS SEAT-CUSHION AS A **BOB-SLED**--BUT IT'S ONE WAY OF GETTING DOWN TO THAT DYNAMITE IN TIME TO SNUFF OUT THE FUSE!

AND ON ANOTHER DAY...

HYDRO TRICKED US BY PUSHING THAT GIRL INTO THE RIVER! TO SAVE HER, WE HAD TO GET OUT ON THIS LOG--AND **NOW** LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US!

WE'RE COMING TO **SUICIDE FALLS, ROBIN!** WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING **FAST!**

THEN, A SPLIT-SECOND DECISION! STEEL-MUSCLED ARMS SPRING INTO ACTION--A LENGTH OF SILKEN CORD SNAKES OUT ACROSS THE WATER--AND THEN...

HOLD ON, ROBIN! I'LL PULL BOTH OF US ASHORE!

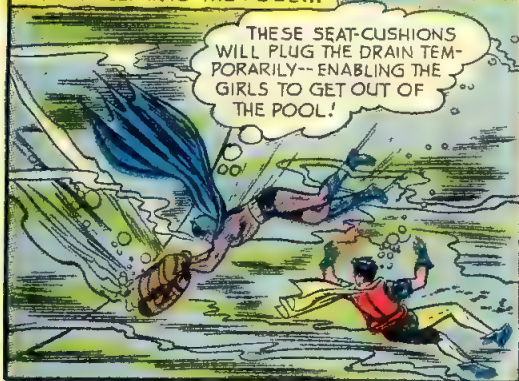
BOY--THAT WAS **REAL ROBIN!** LASSOING THAT TREE WITH YOUR SILKEN CORD!

AND YET ANOTHER DAY, AT THE GOTHAM CITY WATER BALLET...

IT'S **HYDRO**! HE'S WRECKED THE DRAIN-VALVE ON THE POOL--THE WATER'S DRAINING OUT! THE SUCTION WILL DRAG THE GIRLS DOWN--**THEY'LL DROWN!**

A FINE WAY TO CREATE CONFUSION NEEDED FOR **ROBBERY!** QUICK, **ROBIN**--GRAB A SEAT CUSHION AND FOLLOW ME!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE INTREPID LAWMEN PLUNGE DESPERATELY INTO THE POOL...



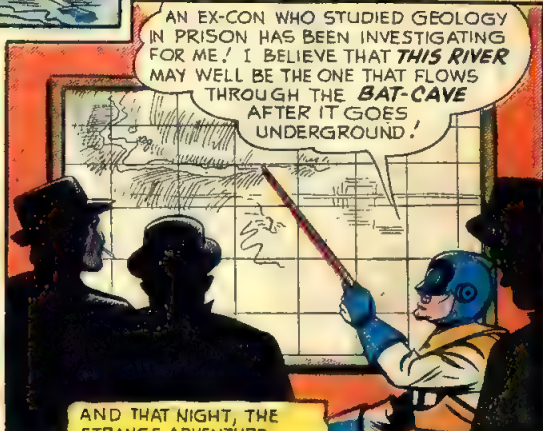
THAT NIGHT, AS HYDRO SUMMONS HIS MEN IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION...



IT'S A MATTER OF RECORD THAT AN UNDERGROUND RIVER FLOWS THROUGH THE BAT-CAVE! VISITORS HAVE SEEN IT! THAT RIVER WILL BE BATMAN'S UNDOING!

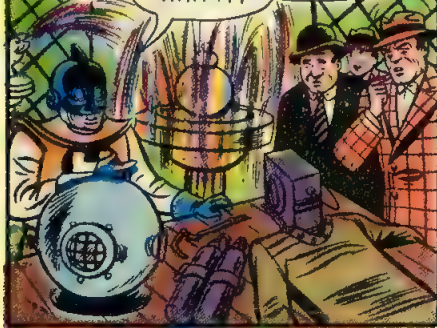


AN EX-CON WHO STUDIED GEOLOGY IN PRISON HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING FOR ME! I BELIEVE THAT **THIS RIVER** MAY WELL BE THE ONE THAT FLOWS THROUGH THE **BAT-CAVE** AFTER IT GOES UNDERGROUND!



AND THAT NIGHT, THE STRANGE ADVENTURE BEGINS--WHERE A TORRENT OF WATER CUTS THROUGH ROCK--AND AN UNDERWATER RIVER BEGINS!

WITH THIS SPECIAL UNDERWATER EQUIPMENT, I'M GOING INTO THAT RIVER AND INTO THE BAT-CAVE--WITH ENOUGH DYNAMITE TO BLOW IT TO KINGDOM COME! AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** WITH IT!

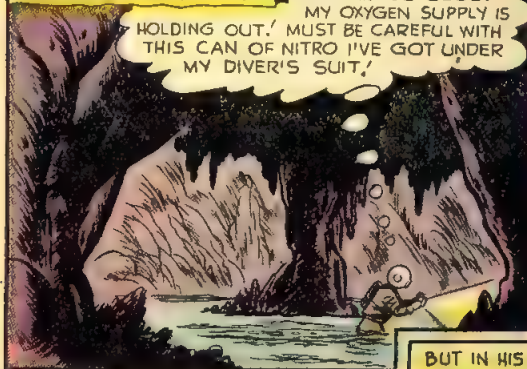


BOY--YOU WOULDN'T CATCH ME GOIN' ON THAT TRIP--EVEN IF IT DID MEAN THE END OF **BATMAN**! THE WHOLE THING GIVES ME THE CREEPS!



AND A HALF-HOUR LATER...

SO FAR--SO GOOD!
MY OXYGEN SUPPLY IS
HOLDING OUT! MUST BE CAREFUL WITH
THIS CAN OF NITRO I'VE GOT UNDER
MY DIVER'S SUIT!



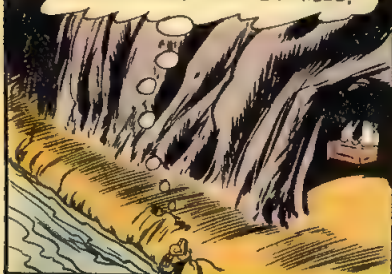
BUT, AS TIME PASSES...

BUT SUPPOSING I'M WRONG! SUPPOSING
THIS *ISN'T* THE RIVER? I COULD BE
HEADED ANYWHERE--EVEN TO MY
DOOM! THIS RIVER COULD GO UNDER-
GROUND FOREVER!



BUT THEN, EVEN AS COLD TERROR CLUTCHES
AT THE HEART OF THE WATER-
CRIMINAL...

THE BAT-CAVE!
I'VE MADE IT! NOW TO GET
MY EXPLOSIVE READY! HA-HA!
WILL BATMAN BE SURPRISED!



BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS, HYDRO LETS THE CAN OF EX-
PLOSIVE SLIP--WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS...

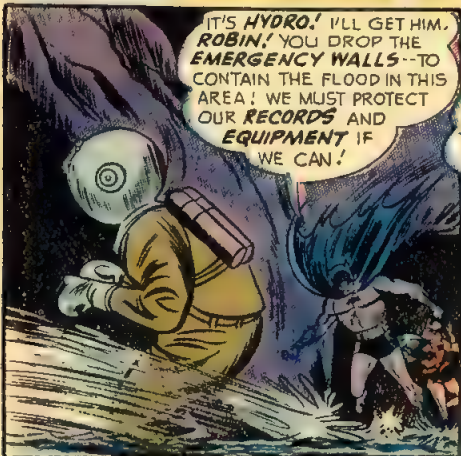
BOOM
CRASH! **BOOM**

BATMAN!
SOMEONE HAS
COME IN THROUGH
THE RIVER!
AND LOOK! THAT
EXPLOSION HAS
BLOCKED THE RIVER
TUNNEL! THE BAT-
CAVE WILL BE
FLOODED!

HORRORS!
IT WENT OFF
TOO SOON!

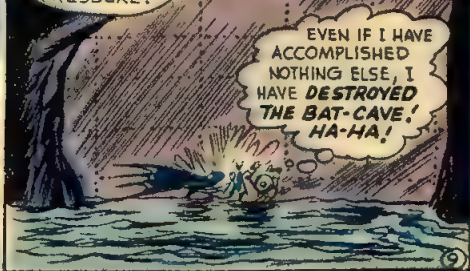


IT'S HYDRO! I'LL GET HIM.
ROBIN! YOU DROP THE
EMERGENCY WALLS--TO
CONTAIN THE FLOOD IN THIS
AREA! WE MUST PROTECT
OUR RECORDS AND
EQUIPMENT IF
WE CAN!



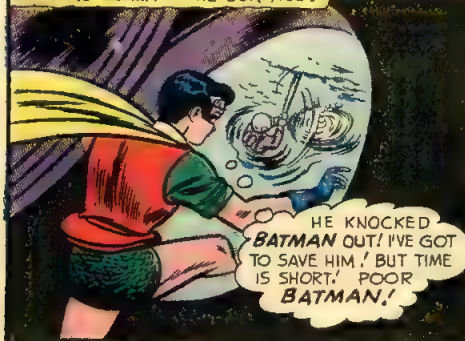
AND THEN, AS A WEIRD BATTLE THRASHES THE
FLOOD-WATERS IN THE BAT-CAVE...

NEVER MIND HIM, BATMAN--
COME OUT WHILE YOU CAN! THE
WATER'S RISING TOO RAPIDLY!
THESE WALLS WEREN'T MADE
TO WITHSTAND SO MUCH
PRESSURE!



EVEN IF I HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED
NOTHING ELSE, I
HAVE DESTROYED
THE BAT-CAVE!
HA-HA!

SUDDENLY, HYDRO SWINGS AT **BATMAN** WITH A LONG PIECE OF FLOATING DEBRIS--AND THE LAWMAN DISAPPEARS BENEATH THE SURFACE.



HE KNOCKED **BATMAN** OUT! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! BUT TIME IS SHORT! POOR **BATMAN**!

AND THEN, AS **BATMAN** SUMMONS THE LAST OUNCE OF HIS STRENGTH...



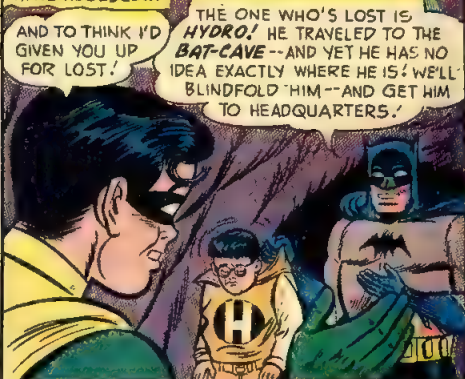
THERE IT GOES--
AND JUST IN TIME,
TOO!

BUT BENEATH THE RUSHING WATERS, **BATMAN** IS FAR FROM UNCONSCIOUS...



HYDRO'S WAR-CLUB HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA... THE FORCE OF THE RIVER WILL GIVE ME ADDED LEVERAGE!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, WHEN THE FLOOD-WATERS HAVE RECEDED...

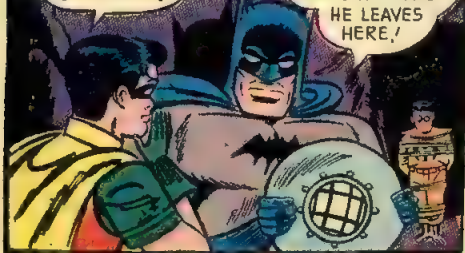


AND TO THINK I'D GIVEN YOU UP FOR LOST!

THE ONE WHO'S LOST IS **HYDRO**! HE TRAVELED TO THE **BAT-CAVE**--AND YET HE HAS NO IDEA EXACTLY WHERE HE IS! WE'LL BLINDFOLD HIM--AND GET HIM TO HEADQUARTERS!

{WHISPER} THAT BLINDFOLDING MAY NOT BE ENOUGH! THEY TARRIED THE ROAD OUT FRONT TODAY. HE'LL SMELL THAT FRESH TAR--AND BY CHECKING WITH THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, AN ASSOCIATE MIGHT GET A LEAD AS TO OUR LOCATION!

I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT! THAT'S WHY I PICKED UP THIS DIVER'S HELMET. WE'LL PUT IT BACK ON **HYDRO**--AND HE'LL BREATHE NOTHING BUT OXYGEN AS HE LEAVES HERE!

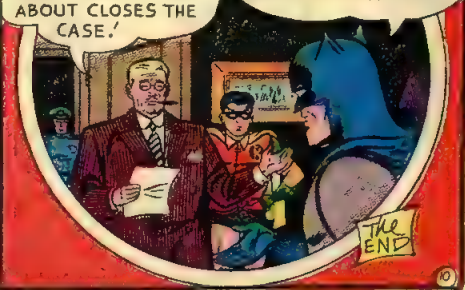


AND LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...

NO! THE CASE WILL BE CLOSED

HE BROKE DOWN--CONFESSSED EVERYTHING. WE'RE PICKING UP HIS MEN AT HIS HIDEOUT NOW! I GUESS THAT ABOUT CLOSES THE CASE!

WHEN WE CLOSE UP THE **BAT-CAVE** TO THAT UNDERGROUND RIVER! WE DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE FLOATING IN ON US ANYMORE!

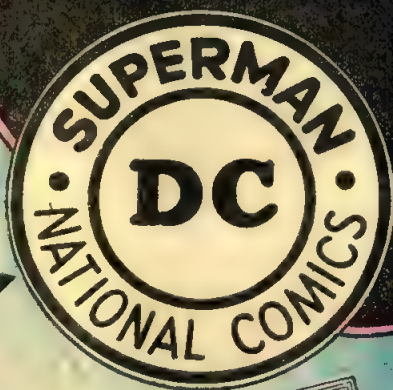


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MORE THAN EVER-

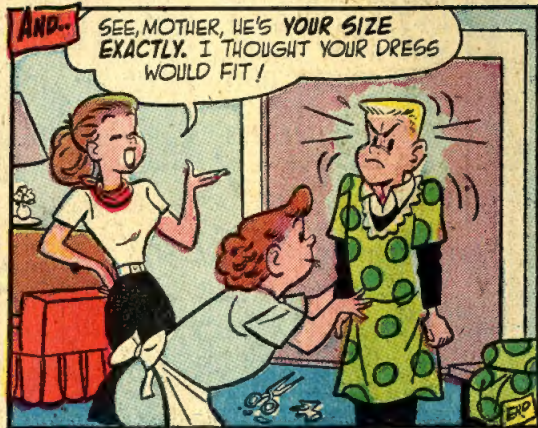
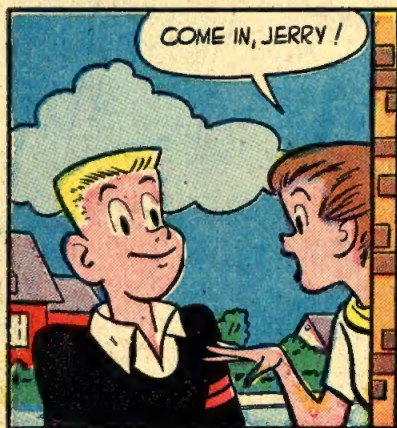
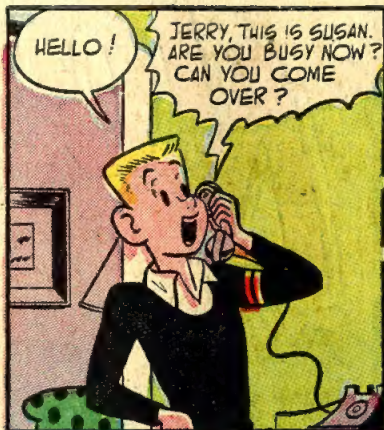
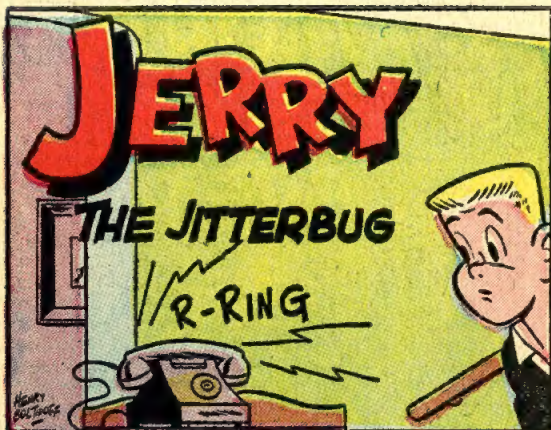
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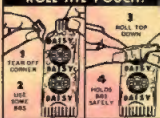
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